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Presidents' Letters

It has been a little more than a year since the Board of Trustees adopted three new "breakthrough goals" for the College. The breakthrough goals are major new initiatives that were developed through a prolonged planning process, under the guidance of the Institutional Planning Committee, that included faculty, staff, students, alumni and, of course, the Board of Trustees and Corporators of the College. The new breakthrough goals are:

- To create a Policy Institute for the Delivery of Eye Care. The institute is intended to bring together expertise and resources to address how best to meet the needs for eye and vision care in the Boston area, the nation, and the world.
- To Remodel Clinical Education to create a new and innovative curriculum model that will keep the The New England College of Optometry at the cutting edge of clinical optometric education and information technology and will expand its role in the community.
- To establish Clinically Focused Cross-Departmental Research for the purpose of improving the diagnosis, treatment, management and prevention of common eye and vision problems.

In addition to these breakthrough goals, the Trustees also identified an "enabling goal" to raise the College's endowment to $100 million by the year 2020.

Three committees, each assigned to one specific area, are addressing the implementation of the goals. The committees have developed business plans for each of the goals that outline both the spending needs and resource requirements to support the initiatives. In each case, the activities specific to the goals are being phased in as the plans are further developed and as resources become available. Activities that support the Clinical Education and Clinical Research goals are already well along through the efforts of the Curriculum 2010 Task Force and by focused hiring of new faculty with interests and experience in clinical research. The Policy Institute, because of its wider mission, is moving somewhat more slowly, but is steadily taking shape.

The breakthrough goals testify to the continued efforts of the College's faculty and staff to maintain The New England College of Optometry's leadership in education, research, and public service. They speak eloquently to our willingness and commitment to serve our students, our profession, and our community, both locally and internationally. If you would like further information on the goals and how you can help us achieve them, please contact me for details.

Alan Laird Lewis '65, O.D., Ph.D.
President

Welcome to the true New Millennium. The Alumni Association has entered its Second Century at The New England College of Optometry. This past fall, the Association's Advisory Board of Directors started a new term, with a newly elected slate of officers, and one new director. As the incoming President, I want to thank Dr. **Lynn Wittman** '76, for her contributions during the two terms she served as Alumni Association President along with Dr. **Janis Cotter** '85, as Vice President and Dr. **John Dadah** '93, as Secretary. I would also like to welcome **Matthew Elgart** '66, our new board director.

The Alumni Association Advisory Board will implement several new initiatives this term in an effort to augment our traditional agenda of service to the College, its alumni, and students. Our primary initiative is the institution of an alumni and student Mentoring Program. The purpose of the program is to bring alumni and students closer together by inviting alumni to serve as personal resources for information and as sources of inspiration, to students. We anticipate kicking off the first round of mentoring during the Fall Orientation program for the 2001-2002 academic year. We also plan to sponsor a special event during Alumni Weekend 2001 that will give students and mentors a chance to become acquainted. Just as with the "quality of mercy" in the *Merchant of Venice*, we feel that such a relationship will reward the giver and receiver both.

We are also putting the final pieces together for the upcoming Alumni Directory. This is the first directory project in over a decade, and we encourage your participation. The questionnaire should be in your mailboxes by May, and we anticipate completion of the Directory by the end of 2001.

The more technical objectives the Board hopes to achieve this term include: updating the by-laws of the organization; inviting all students to join as members of the Alumni Association; increasing the number of educational and social activities for alumni; setting up alumni chapters across the country, and seeking out interested and qualified alumni who can recommend community leaders to become involved with the Association and with the College.

Your input is encouraged, welcome and vital to the development and success of a vibrant Alumni Association. I would like to say, from the onset, that I am pleased to be representing the Association and look forward to seeing you at our events.

Paulette Demers-Turco '77
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College News

Gary Chu '95, Alan Lewis '65, Grady Culbreth of Zeiss Optical, Barry Barresi '77.

New England Eye Institute Recognition Breakfast

Snow, sleet, or rain could not dampen the spirits of the supporters, sponsors, and public health leaders who gathered for the New England Eye Institute's Recognition Breakfast in February.

Hosted by the Outreach Service and Home Eye Service, the event recognized individual and corporate contributors who supported the services efforts in becoming one of the best community healthcare programs in Greater Boston.

The breakfast included remarks by the Vice President for Clinical Care and Services, **Barry Barresi** '77; College President, **Alan Lewis** '65; **Gary Chu** '95, Director of Outreach Service; and **Susan Monahan**, '98, Home Eye Service. Drs. Chu and Monahan thanked those community organizations in partnership with the Institute, particularly for their dedication and commitment to providing exceptional eye care for Greater Boston's disadvantaged and elderly populations.

Dr. Barresi announced the launch of CENAP, the Community Eyecare Needs Assessment Project. The goals of CENAP are: to evaluate data on health disparities relating to vision impairment in Boston communities; identify barriers to access of eye care; complete community geo-studies; locate underserved communities, and develop an Institute response strategy. He urged attendees to continue their support of the Outreach Program of the New England Eye Institute.

President Alan Lewis who applauded Dr. Barresi for rejuvenating the New England Eye Institute, made the closing remarks and thanked all the guests for attending, despite the snow, sleet, and rain!

Recognition Honorees

Grady Culbreth, R.O., Director, Professional Development, Carl Zeiss Optical, Inc.; **Steven A. Lupo**, Optical Consultant, Essilor Labs of America, Crown Optical Company, Inc.; **Michael Horgan**, Manager, **Fran Keough**, Assistant Manager, For Eyes; **Kim Chase**, Optical Consultant, Accu Rx, Inc.

Special Guests and Program Supporters

Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program, Boston University Geriatric Service-Boston Medical Center, Caspar Emergency Service Center, Elder Service Plan of Harbor Health, Elder Service Plan of Mutual Health, Eschenbach, Goldman Associates, Mass League of Neighborhood Health Centers, Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris & Govsky, New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans, Pine Street Inn, Rosie's Place, St. Elizabeth Home Medical Service, Shaughnessy-Kaplan Rehabilitation Hospital, The Boston Home, Upham's Corner Community Health Center, Upham's Home Health Care, Women's Lunch Place, Wingate of Brighton.

The College Forms Affiliation with Wheaton College

Dr. **Alan Lewis** '65, President of The New England College of Optometry and Dr. Dale Rogers Marshall, President of Wheaton College, have signed an affiliation agreement that will allow qualified Wheaton students to complete both a bachelors and a Doctor of Optometry degree in seven years, instead of the eight years that are normally required. Students in this special program will complete the first three years of their bachelors program at Wheaton and then will be granted early admission to The New England College of Oprometry. They will be awarded their baccalaureate degrees from Wheaton upon successful completion of their first year of optometry school. The two schools jointly will determine admission to this program that will allow students to pursue a variety of bachelor degree programs, while completing the prerequisites for admission to optometry school. Students admitted to the program are required to maintain a 3.4 or better grade point average (GPA) and must achieve an average OAT score of at least 330. Students in the program will have access to special advisors and will be invited to participate in selected activities and programs at the College while pursuing their undergraduate studies. The program permits motivated and talented students to secure a place at the College while reducing both the time and cost of their optometric education.

The Dr. Hyman R. Kamens Student Center Campaign Update

Hyman Kamens '47 and Irwin Shwom '80.

*From Dr. **Ronald Ferrucci** '74, Co-Chair*

Last September, the College's Institutional Advancement and Development (IAD) Committee announced the beginning of a fundraising effort intended to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Hyman R. Kamens '47. Dr. Kamens was a central figure at the school for over 52 years before his death in March 2000.

Hy's first concern was always for the welfare of the students, and for this reason, the IAD Committee determined that the most fitting tribute to Dr. Kamens would be to improve the quality of student life. Toward this end, a fundraising campaign is underway to establish the Dr. Hyman R. Kamens Student Center at 418 Beacon Street, the building adjacent to the Library. The idea is to create a comfortable atmosphere for students where they can congregate, relax, and prepare between classes. It would create a campus-type atmosphere, which space and financial limitations made impossible for previous generations of students.

I am honored to serve with Hy's wife, Barbara, as Co-Chair of the Kamens Student Center Campaign. In only the first four months of the fundraising effort, over $100,000 in donations has been raised. The IAD Committee is now working on pledges for the 2nd $100,000.

Dr. Kamens' 52 year tenure at the College is a record, one which we are not likely to see equaled or surpassed in our lifetime. Hy served the College in nearly every capacity, including that of Dean. There is no living graduate of the College that Hy could not name on sight, and there is nothing that Hy wouldn't do for a student in need. Stories abound of Hy reaching into his own pocket to help a student to feed his family until the next paycheck or loan money came in. And, his helpfulness did not end when a student graduated. There are literally thousands of graduates that owe a debt of gratitude to Hy for finding them an associate or partner, a buyer for their practice, or simply a job placement opportunity.

I was touched by a comment that Hy made at his 50th Anniversary Gala: "I've never been wealthy, never had a summer home, or a luxury car. But I have met so many wonderful young women and men. I've been of some help in their reaching their goal to succeed in life – made many friends (and enemies) but I can honestly say that I wish I were starting those 50 years again."

Sadly, it is not within our power to give back those 50 years to Hy, but we can continue his legacy of caring for students for another 50 years. If you are among the many alumni that appreciated and benefited from the thoughtfulness, humanity, humor, and goodwill of this extraordinary individual and would like to support the Center, please contact the Institutional Advancement Office at 617/236-6283.

Mrs. Barbara Kamens and I gratefully acknowledge all who have made gifts and pledges. The following list acknowledges those who have fulfilled their pledges of $1,000 or more. The complete list will be published in the Fall 2001 issue of *Perspective*.

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Dr. Daniel Appleton
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Dr. William Tolford
Dr. Frederick Valentine
Dr. Bernard Weitz
Dr. Wayne Zahka
Dr. David & Mrs. Rochelle Zohn

Funding for Myopia Study Extended

The National Eye Institute has extended funding to continue the study of the development of myopia in children. Chief investigator **Jane Gwiazda**, Ph.D., will receive $1,428,776 in funding over the next four years. She and her colleagues in the Children's Vision Laboratory will continue their studies of genetic and environmental factors contributing to juvenile-onset myopia. After 20 years of research on visual development conducted at MIT, the Children's Vision Laboratory was relocated to the Myopia Research Center at The New England College of Optometry. In addition to Dr. Gwiazda, the Myopia Research Center includes Dr. **Frank Thorn** '79, Dr. **Richard Held**, Dr. **Ji Chang He**, and Ms. **Cara Weber**.

This research group has been conducting a longitudinal study of refraction and visual function for 26 years. The large refractive errors found in infants are greatly reduced or eliminated during the first five years of life. After that time, myopia develops in some children. Results from the longitudinal study indicated that the refractive error found in one year olds afforded the best prediction of which children would be myopic at school age. This ongoing research offers promise that, in the future, at-risk children may be identified and possibly treated before they develop myopia.

During the next phase of the project, accommodation and convergence will be measured as children are engaged in near vision tasks. Previous research from this laboratory has shown that newly myopic children often demonstrate accommodative insufficiency with near viewing, resulting in decreased retinal image quality. More recent research has shown that optical aberrations measured with new wavefront technology are found in many myopic individuals. The aberrations may reduce retinal image quality, which may play a role in the development of myopia. Abetrations will be measured longitudinally over the next four years to determine if highly aberrated eyes become myopic.

If a blurred retinal image is implicated in the development of myopia as suggested by animal models, then providing myopic children with clear vision over a range of distances might slow myopic progression. The Correction of Myopia Evaluation Trial (COMET), a multi-center, randomized clinical trial funded by the National Eye Institute and chaired by Dr. Gwiazda, is evaluating whether a spectacle intervention can slow the progression of juvenile myopia. The answer will not be known for another year or two.

In order to understand how myopia develops during childhood, one must consider the influence of family history, as well as the effects of the environment. This laboratory has begun a multi-step process of studying the genetic component of myopia. The first step was to identify families in which there were myopic individuals and construct pedigrees (family trees) showing myopic family members and relatives. The children in this study were discovered as part of the ongoing longitudinal study of visual development. By analyzing the patterns of these family trees, the preliminary conclusion is that myopia is a complex trait likely expressed as the result of more than one gene. In the next phase of study, DNA samples will be collected from family members so that Dr. Janey Wiggs, an expert in this area and a consultant on the project, can perform a series of genetic analyses. The ultimate goal is to map and eventually identify the actual gene(s) responsible for rendering a child susceptible to myopia. Studying the expression of the gene(s) in children with different visual experiences should increase understanding of the mechanism of developing myopia.

Night Vision Study

Nancy Coletta, O.D., Ph.D., has received a $660,240 three year grant for her study "Optical and Neural Factors in Night Vision." The long-term goals of this project are to explain how night vision is affected by optical and neural factors in the human visual system. The optical aberrations

of the eye are more evident when the pupil dilates, and Dr. Coletta has shown that these optical aberrations are detrimental for vision in dim light. In the current project, the night vision of a group of subjects with abnormal optical quality will be studied. A rapid, objective technique will be used to measure the eye's optical quality. The relationship between optical quality and night vision should reveal which optical properties are most important in night vision tasks. These studies may lead to methods of enhancing night vision by improving the eye's image quality.

This study will also try to determine how the peripheral optics of the eye affect night vision. The peripheral retina is the most sensitive retinal area under dim illumination, yet the optical quality of the eye is poor for off-axis viewing. Experiments are proposed to measure the peripheral optical quality in normal eyes and to determine whether enhancement of the peripheral optics, such as by correcting astigmatism, would improve visibility in the peripheral visual field for night vision tasks.

The perception of spatial patterns also depends on the spacing of visual neurons. A third aim of the current project is to investigate how night vision in the peripheral visual field is affected by the spacing and arrangement of peripheral retinal neurons. Visibility in the peripheral field is very dependent on the stimulus orientation (for example, horizontal or vertical). These meridional differences in sensitivity have a neural origin because they are evident when peripheral optical astigmatism is corrected. The density of retinal neurons can be inferred from psychophysical studies, and the goal is to determine how the spacing of neurons varies with stimulus orientation and light level. Dr. Coletta's previous research indicates that the effective spacing of visual neurons becomes coarser at low luminance. This could lead to changes in spatial perception in the peripheral visual field that could affect an observer's sense of orientation in the environment.

National Eye Institute Funds Vision In Preschoolers (VIP) Study

Dr. Bruce Moore '75, has been awarded a grant in the amount of $1,373,807 from the National Eye Institute of the National Institutes of Health. The grant will fund a multi-center/multi-year clinical study relating to the vision screening of preschool children. Bruce Moore, the Marcus Professor of Pediatric Studies, is a member of the Vision In Preschoolers (VIP) Study Group and the Principal Investigator of the Boston VIP Clinical Center. A group of nine investigators at various universities, colleges of optometry, and departments of ophthalmology will undertake the investigation. The primary goal of the VIP Study is to determine whether vision screening tests can reliably predict those three and four year old children who would benefit from comprehensive examinations.

Under the direction of Dr. Moore, the Boston VIP Clinical Center will recruit 2,000 of the 10,000 Head Start preschoolers targeted to participate in the VIP Study. Principal Investigators at the four other VIP Clinical Centers are Drs. Elise Ciner, Lynn Cyert '80, Deborah Orel-Bixler, and Paulette P. Schmidt. Under the direction of Dr. Paulette P. Schmidt, the VIP Study Center at The Ohio State University College of Optometry will provide the scientific, technical, and administrative leadership to the multi-center/multi-year clinical study. The VIP Data Coordinating Center under the direction of Dr. Maureen Maguire at the University of Pennsylvania, Department of Preventive Ophthalmology and Biostatistics, will play an important role in the design, implementation, and execution of the clinical study. Dr. Velma Dobson of the University of Arizona, Department of Ophthalmology, will serve as the scientific advisor. Dr. Graham E. Quinn of the Division of Pediatric Ophthalmology, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, will serve as the medical advisor. And, Mrs. Janet Schultz of the Metropolitan Consortium for Early Head Start, University of Maryland University College, will serve as consultant.

Dr. Moore and his collaborators convinced the National Eye Institute to fund the group's activity by establishing that vision disorders are the fourth most common disability in the United States. Vision disorders are also among the most prevalent of handicapping conditions in childhood. The scientific effectiveness of vision screening procedures that are in current use has not been established. Thus, the significant, nonobvious vision disorders in preschool children pose a serious public health problem.

One of these vision disorders is amblyopia. In spite of widespread efforts to screen for childhood amblyopia, it remains responsible for loss of vision in more people under 45 years of age, than all other ocular diseases and trauma combined. Although amblyopia can go undetected because all preschool children do not have their vision screened, the problem is even more insidious. A growing number of local, state, and federal agencies mandate vision screening of preschool children and frequently advocate the participation of "lay screeners" to conduct the programs. Therefore, these vision screening procedures are being used without any scientific evidence of their effectiveness. When these inadequate screening procedures are used, children with vision disorders are missed, leading parents to believe their child's vision is developing normally. The implementation of proven and effective vision screening procedures for preschool children will reduce these seriously handicapping conditions preventing vision loss.

The most frequent causes of amblyopia in preschool children are uncorrected refractive errors, strabismus, or media opacities. No large scale scientifically controlled study has been conducted in which screening methods, alone or in combination and conducted by laypersons, have been compared with the results of a gold standard examination.

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International

Advancing Eye Care World-Wide: CHINA

Last November, President **Alan L. Lewis** '65 signed an agreement renewing the College's commitment to our "twin college" partner in China, the Wenzhou Medical College. The New England College of Optometry was represented at the ceremony by a delegation that included Drs. Alan Lewis, **David Heath** '83, **Roger Wilson** '80, and **Guang-Ji Wang** '92. Drs. Lewis and Heath addressed over 300 attendees, including representatives of the China's ministries of health and education, and the central government's Committee on Academic Degrees.

New Joint Degree Program

The ceremony specifically recognized the initiation of a new joint-degree program, the M.S./O.D., that is included in the new affiliation agreement. The Masters of Science degree will be granted by the Wenzhou Medical College, and the Doctor of Optometry degree by The New England College of Optometry. In China, optometrists complete a five year academic program within a medical school setting and receive the Bachelor of Medicine degree. The Bachelor of Medicine degree is the entry-level degree for physicians in China. The Masters of Science degree is a post-graduate research degree that is integrated with residency education. As the medical degree is the credential required for practice, the Central Government's Committee on Academic Degrees has given approval for the program, and will recognize the Doctor of Optometry degree as comparable to the Ph.D. The recognition of this credential will allow those who receive the Doctor of Optometry degree to hold senior positions in China's medical education and health care systems. The Committee on Academic Degrees reports directly to the China's Vice-Premier over-seeing education, Li Lanqing. This program is the first of it's kind in China for any health profession.

The details of the program's curriculum are under development by faculty committees at each institution. The first students will begin the program prior to the end of the year and a benefactor in Taiwan is generously providing scholarships for the first six participants.

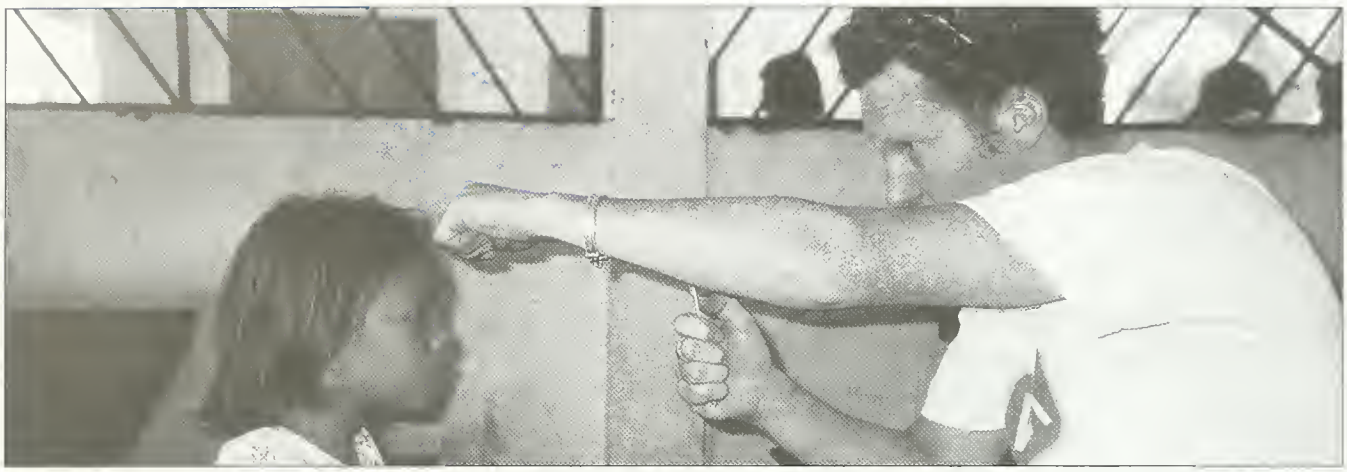
Clinical Affiliation

Also as a part of the visit, Dr. Roger Wilson conducted a review of the Wenzhou Medical College's Eye Hospital, and formally established the site as one of the College's clinical affiliates. The Wenzhou Medical School Eye Hospital will serve as a clinical education unit for new M.S./O.D. students, regular students, and residents.

For more than eight years, The New England College of Optometry has been involved in the emergence of oprometry in China. The initiative began in 1992 when former President Larry Clausen, and Chairman of the Board, **Joseph Bickford** '65, visited Wenzhou and signed the initial "twin college" agreement. Since that time, the College has facilitated approximately 75 faculty exchanges with five of China's top medical universities. Through its leadership in the China Optometry Resource Development (CORD) project, the College has been instrumental in assisting China's Ministry of Public Health and its medical university system in establishing a five year, medical school-based model for optometric education, as well as guiding the curriculum development. Bausch and Lomb, Johnson and Johnson, and CibaVision Novartis have supported the efforts of the CORD project.

Roger Wilson '80, Alan Lewis '65, David Heath '83, Guang-Ji Wang '92 in China.

Faculty News



Eric Weissberg '97 in Nicaraqua.

Making a Difference in Nicaragua

Faculty members, **Erik Weissberg** '97, **Melissa Rice**, **Tim O'Connor**, and **Bruce Moore** '75, and students **Melissa Suckow**, **Amy Schurmann**, **Heather Bourdeau**, and **Edgar Aguilar** recently returned from a VOSH mission to Nicaragua. The team examined approximately 1,700 patients in a variety of locations around the country. Traveling to remote villages in exotic settings, the group spent most nights in the homes of their patients. They provided spectacle correction and treated eye disease for people who have access to little or no eye care.

The high point of this mission was the consultation with a 12-year-old girl, Salvadora, living in an orphanage on the isolated island of Ometepe, Nicaragua, at the base of a towering active volcano. She was born with congenital cataracts in both eyes. Somehow, her mother was able to travel to the medical school in the capitol, Managua, where a successful operation to remove her cataracts was performed. Unfortunately, her mother's poverty prevented her from obtaining the spectacles that would allow her to see. Her mother later abandoned the blind child, and she was raised in the orphanage.

When the volunteers examined her and found a pair of glasses providing only half of her needed +23 diopter prescription, she looked around and smiled for the first time in years, according to the Nuns at the orphanage. When the group visited her at the orphanage several days later, the Sisters reported that she had undergone a meramorphosis. No longer burdened by her blindness and isolation, she became a typical teenager, literally overnight. This experience will remain with the students forever, making it clear to them why optometry is such a wonderful profession.

Volunteer Optometric Service to Humanity (VOSH) is a long established organization of optometrists that provide eye care to needy people throughout the underdeveloped world. Groups of optometrists make a connection with a community in need of eye care. The team travel to oftentimes remote communities with basic examination equipment and a large supply of glasses obtained through the Lions Clubs and other charitable organizations. A typical VOSH mission includes 5-10 optometrists, several optometry students, and a dozen or so family and friends. They examine and supply glasses to about 2,000 people, most of whom have never received eye care. Approximately 100 VOSH missions per year have traveled to Latin America and the Caribbean, providing care to about 200,000 people.

Salvadora

The College is home to a student managed VOSH organization that completes an annual mission.

Dr. Richard Laudon Named to Special Interest Group

Dr. **Richard C. Laudon** '75, has become the coordinator of the Mutual Fund Special Interest Group (SIG) of the American Association of Individual Investors (AAII), Boston Chapter. AAII is an independent, not-for-profit corporation formed in 1978 to assist individuals in becoming effective managers of their own assets, through programs of education, information, and research. Dr. Laudon has been an active member of AAII since 1987 (before the crash). The SIG group meets on a bimonthly basis at MIT, and speakers from the financial community and the SIG group discuss mutual fund industry, along with investment strategies.

Because of his interest in finance, Dr. Laudon has created a third year elective "Insights Into Money Management and Investments." This course enables students to understand the basics of investing and the importance of debt management. Dr. Laudon has lectured to optometrists in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Washington on topics ranging from financial planning to the art of investing. He has presented the course "Practical Financial Strategies for the Industrial Optometrist," at the Ellerbrock Continuing Education Program of the American Academy of Optometry. He and his family were featured on a short segment that appeared on CNBC regarding mutual fund investing.

Dr. Matthew Garston to Receive Teaching and Research Award

Matthew Garston '66 is the recipient of the 2001 John H. Carter Memorial Pharmacology Award presented by the Board of the Bay Point Anterior Segment Symposium in Panama City Beach, Florida. The award of a plaque and a prize is in recognition of teaching and research in ocular pharmacology for the optometric profession, emulating former teacher, colleague, and board member of the Symposium, **John H. Carter**, O.D., Ph.D. Dr. Garston will present a lecture on "Glaucoma Drugs Update 2001" to the Symposium.

2000 First Year Class Profile

Admissions Statistics	
Applicants	615
Enrolled	103

Personal Statistics	
Male	35
Female	68

Representation

State	*Number*
California	23
Connecticut	2
Florida	2
Georgia	1
Illinois	4
Kansas	1
Maine	1
Massachusetts	16
Michigan	2
Minnesota	3
Missouri	1
North Carolina	1
North Dakota	1
Nebraska	1
New Jersey	4
New York	12
Ohio	1
Oregon	3
Pennsylvania	2
Rhode Island	1
South Dakota	1
Tennesse	1
Texas	2
Virginia	1
Washington	3
Wisconsin	2
Total	92

International	
Canada	10
Uganda	1
TOTAL	103

New Fellows in the Academy

Congratulations to Drs. **Jinjong Chung** '94, **Patricia Kowalski**, **Susan Monahan** '98, **Bina Patel**, **Donna Valentini**, and **Lisa Fanciullo** '91, on becoming Fellows of the American Academy of Optometry. To attain Fellowship, a doctor of optometry must qualify for an oral examination via completion of a residency, writing case reports, publishing, and lecturing at the Academy, and assuming a leadership role. The oral examination tests practice ethics, management of patients, and knowledge of patient management in various disciplines.

Faculty Updates

Kristen Brown, O.D., has accepted a part-time position with the College. She will be at the Dimock Community Health Center three days per week. Kristen received her O.D. degree from the University of California, Berkeley in 1992, and completed a residency program at Weymouth Eye Associates and the PGYII residency in association with the

Faculty and Residents Participate in Inauguration of Endowed Lectureship

Pictured in the photograph from L to R: Howard M. Leibowitz, M.D., Professor and Chairman, Department of Ophthalmology at Boston University; Thomas F. Freddo '76; Richard M. Lucash, Esq.; LindaLee A. Lawrence; Lecturer, J. Wayne Streilein, M.D.; and Alan L. Lewis '65, O.D., Ph. D., President of The New England College of Optometry.

In October, administrators, faculty, and residents from The New England College of Optometry attended the first annual Lawrence-Lucash Lecture in Ophthalmology and Optometry at Boston University Medical Center. The lectureship is named for its benefactors, LindaLee A. Lawrence and her husband, Richard M. Lucash. They are both patients of Dr. **Thomas F. Freddo** '76, Professor at both Boston University School of Medicine and The New England College of Optometry.

This endowed lectureship brings together faculty and residents of both institutions on an annual basis. The first Lawrence-Lucash lecturer was **J. Wayne Streilein**, M.D., President and Ankeny Director of Research at The Schepens Eye Research Institute, a Harvard Medical School affiliate. Dr. Streilein's presentation was entitled "The Impact of Intraocular Inflammation on Ocular Immune Privilege." Dr. Streilein is also a member of the Board of Trustees at the College.

Boston University School of Medicine. Dr. Brown helped to establish the TLC Laser Eye Center in Waltham, MA, and has served as the Executive Director.

Blair Wong, ABOM, has joined the faculty on a part-time basis and is responsible for the College's Mechanical Optics sequence. He brings many years of experience to the position as an optician, training consultant, and a leader within his profession. He currently serves as the executive director of the Opticians Association of Massachusetts and is a training consultant for Training Solutions By Design, Inc. Blair taught at the College from 1984-1990 and is respected for his expertise and teaching skills.

Naser Mahmoud, RPH, MS, has joined the part-time faculty as an adjunct Assistant Professor and instructor of record for the general pharmacology course. Mr. Mahmoud is a professor of clinical pharmacology at Regis College, an adjunct instructor of pharmacology at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, and practices at the Boston Medical Center. Mr. Mahmoud will complete his Doctor of Pharmacy at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in May.

Donna Valentini, O.D., has left her full-time faculty position to join the Dedham Medical Association in January. While Donna is making practice the focus of her career, she will continue with the College on a part-time basis. She has been with the College as a full-time faculty member since July 1997. During her tenure, Donna demonstrated a deep commitment to students and patients, most recently serving as Director of the Eye Clinic in the New England Shelrer for Homeless Veterans.

Lynn Marran, O.D., Ph.D., has accepted a full-time faculty position with the Southern California College of Optometry. Lynn has spent the past year as a Research Associate in the laboratory of Dr. **Jane Gwiazda**. Our best wishes go out to Dr. Marran as she pursues her academic career.

Dr. Foster Namias Golf Tournament

Stephen, Barbara, Philip and Jeff Meltzer.

Another Winner!

The 17th Annual Dr. **Foster Namias** '32 Scholarship Golf Tournament was another great outing. The traditional event successfully raised money for the Namias Scholarship, and made for a beautiful day on the greens. This year's tournament brought new and veteran players out to the Marlborough Country Club. The day was especially bright for newcomers, many of whom ended up taking home a lion's share of prizes.

Guests of note were family members of the late Dr. Namias: daughter Barbara (whose getting to be a pro herself), her husband Philip, and their sons, Stephen and Jeff.

The Scores:

First place team: 63-3, **Nick Kofos** '85, **Brian Braveman** '85, **George Santos** '85, and Jack Perry
Men's Closest to the pin: Kevin Buckley
Women's Closest to the Pin: **Marsha Malooley**
Men's Long Drive: Jim Crosby
Women's Long Drive: **Ann Perlow** '90
Accuracy Drive: **Steve Rappaport** '78.

A very special thanks goes to Dr. **Monthe Kofos** '43, tournament coordinator, and to Alumni Association Board members Drs. **Ara Barsamian** '92, **Brian Braveman** '85, **John Dadah** '93, **Paulette Turco** '77, and **Marcia Green** '74, for their tournament efforts.

The Namias family and the College would like to extend their appreciation to those individuals who made special donations to the Namias Scholarship. The following Tee Poster Sponsors played a critical role in the tournament's continued success. Their generosity is deeply appreciated.

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We would also like to thank the following individuals and companies who sponsored student golfers and prizes:

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Alumni News

Alumni and Continuing Education Weekend 2000

Marvin Bram '50 and friends enjoy a trolley tour of the city.

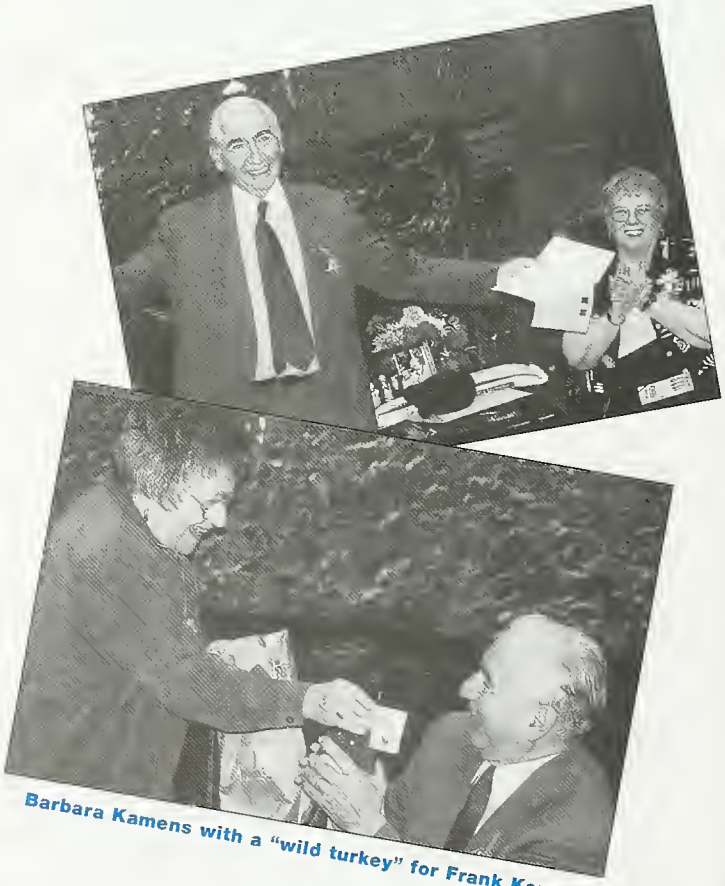
Reunions-Retirement-Reconnection are words that describe the Sixth Annual Alumni and Continuing Education Weekend last October. The weekend-long homecoming included activities for all. The festive weekend kicked off with a reunion dinner for the Class of 1950, followed by a reunion celebration with the Classes of 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, and 1995. Saturday morning attendees took a trolley tour of the city, returning in time to attend Dr. **Frank Kozol's** '48 "Almost Fifty" Retirement party. Later that evening the Class of 1980 gathered for a reunion dinner at Anthony's Pier Four. Sunday offered a Jazz Brunch at the Hampshire House. For those who still had the stamina, the weekend concluded Sunday afternoon with a tour of Boston's Symphony Hall, celebrating its 100 Anniversary. Hats off to **Jake Baboian** '50, and his wife, Ruby, who attended all the activities during the weekend!

Let Me Be "Frank"

Frank Kozol's '48 "Almost Fifty" Retirement Party held on Alumni and Continuing Education Weekend was without a doubt the party of the year. The College community came together to pay their respects to Dr. Kozol's nearly 50 years (49 to be exact) of service to the institution.

Frank Kozol

Surrounded by his colleagues, his wife, Ruth, Sons, **Neil** '81, and Mark, their wives and his grandchildren, Frank enjoyed a wonderful tribute in appreciation of his many contributions to the College. Frank received a "careers' worth" of gifts and memorabilia. The speakers included: President **Alan Lewis** '65; Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs, Dr. **David Heath** '83; Trustee Dr. **Ronald Ferrucci** '74; Alumni Association Director, Dr. **Irwin Shwom** '80; Vice President for Administration, Dr. **Terrance Neylon**; State of Rhode Island Representative and alumnus, Dr. **Arthur Corvese**



Barbara Kamens with a "wild turkey" for Frank Kozol.

Bob Capone '90 and Frank Kozol '48.

Arthur Corvese '81 and Frank Kozol '48.

'81; faculty and friends. Much to Frank's surprise and delight, he was presented with a Citation from the French Consulate for his service in World War II, an unusual blending of the past with the present.

The evening was capped off with a "French Finale." Dr. Kozol was given a very special customized travel kit consisting of a loaf of French bread, French cheese, French champagne, French coins, and a special send off gift — two plane tickets to France.

Academy 2000

Not many were complaining this past December during the Annual Meeting of the Academy, which was held in Orlando, Florida. Over 50 faculty and students attended the conference, presented posters, and many faculty members lectured. That weekend the College joined with the other schools of optometry in hosting the Annual Alumni Reception.

The following week the College hosted an alumni dinner in Boca Raton with a lively group of graduates. A very special thanks to **David Smith** '67, who helped coordinate the dinner.

Judy Schaffer '93, John McSoley '91, Frank Kozol '48 and Ruth Kozol, Barbara Manburg '77 at dinner in Boca Raton, Florida.

Jeff Morer '88 and his wife Esperanza-Garcon with Alan Lewis '65 at the dinner in Boca Raton.

Alumni News

2000 Distinguished Alumnus Awarded to Dr. Solomon K. Slobins '50

College President Alan Lewis'65 presents the Distinguished Alumnus Award to Solomon Slobins '50.

The New England College of Optometry's Alumni Association named Dr. **Solomon K. Slobins** the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year. The award recognized his lifetime of achievement in promoting developmental and behavioral optometry. Dr. Slobins is a 1950 graduate of the College.

Dr. Slobins resides in Fall River, Massachusetts, where he has been in private practice since 1951. Early in his career, he developed a special interest in behavioral optometry as a clinical associate in the Optometric Extension Program (OEP), a postgraduate optometric organization devoted to the interchange of information about vision. Dr. Slobins has attended courses and seminars at the Gesell Institute of Child Development since 1962. Dr. Slobins is active in the OEP community in New England. For over 20 years, he has been the leader of the Boston OEP Study Group, which meets monthly at the College. The meetings are open both to practicing optometrists and students. It is a particular priority of Dr. Slobins that students be given the opportunity to attend and learn the fundamentals of behavioral optometry.

Reflecting his interests, he has served the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists on numerous committees for optometric vision therapy and training, visual development, and the visual problems of children and youth. In addition, he served as a consultant to several public school systems and has lectured in area colleges on special education, learning disabilities, and visual rehabilitation.

Dr. Slobins was a member of The New England College of Optometry's Board of Trustees from 1973 to 1979, and is the founder and director of the Behavioral Optometry Studies Endowment Fund at the College. The Fund is dedicated to promoting all aspects of behavioral optometry.

The Massachusetts Society of Optometrists also has honored Dr. Slobins throughout his distinguished career. He was awarded the Optometrist of the Year in 1980 and District Chairperson of the Year in 1989 and 1999.

2000 Alumna of the Year: Dr. Linda Bennett

The New England College of Optometry's Alumni Association named Dr. **Linda Bennett** Alumna of the Year, in recognition of her leadership on behalf of the optometric profession in Massachusetts. Dr. Bennett earned her Doctor of Optometry degree in 1980 from the College.

After working for several years in the office of a Boston-area optometrist, she opened her own private practice in Belmont, Massachusetts, in 1987. The practice offers a full scope of services, including contact lens fitting, primary care optometry, and family practice.

Dr. Bennett has worked closely with regional optometric associations and has been a strong advocate for the profession. She is a past president of the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists and currently serves as state representative for the New England Council of Optometrists. Dr. Bennett was recently involved in a series of negotiations with Tufts Health Plan and was instrumental in persuading them to recognize optometrists request for medical reimbursement. Presently, she is a consultant to Tufts Health Plan and the Essilor Corporation.

As a member of the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists' Education Committee, she worked to establish statewide educational standards to certify optometrists in the use of therapeutic pharmaceutical agents. The certification program was in place when the state legislature granted approval for optometrists to use TPA's in their patient treatment program.

Alumni Association President Paulette Demers-Turco '77 presents the Alumna of the Year Award to Linda Bennett '80.

Paulette Demers-Turco '77 presents Roger Wilson '80 with the Alumnus of the Year award.

Dr. Bennett is a former Director of the College's Alumni Association Advisory Board and maintains close ties with students at the College. She has addressed the American Optometric Student Association and is a popular speaker at the College's annual career seminar. She routinely makes her office available for site visits and eagerly assists students with career choices.

Dr. Roger Wilson '80 Alumnus of the Year 2000

The New England College of Optometry's Alumni Association presented Dr. Roger Wilson with the Alumnus of the Year award in recognition of his outstanding leadership in optometric education. Dr. Wilson earned his Doctor of Optometry degree from the College in 1980, and that same year he joined the faculty of the College. He has been Professor of Optometry since 1995.

Dr. Wilson recently was named Director of Clinical Education and the Director of Health Center Service Programs for the College. During Dr. Wilson's 20 year tenure at the College, he has assumed many leadership roles and has strengthened internal and external academic and clinical programs at the institution. During the 1990's, he served as Chair of the Department of External Clinical Programs overseeing the expansion of the College's clinical education program to more than 50 sites throughout the world. From 1995 to 1999, he served as the elected faculty chair, representing faculty as a voting member of the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Wilson recently held short-term administrative positions at Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry in North Miami Beach, Florida. He was a facilitator for the institutional self-study and contributor to Nova's strategic planning effort. The self-study was instrumental in their successful application for accreditation from the American Optometric Association's Council on Optometric Education.

He has served on numerous national committees addressing issues in optometric education. Recently, he served as chair of the Section on Optometric Education for the American Academy of Optometry.

Dr. Wilson has published many articles in optometric journals and has presented at national symposia. He is the current editor of the Journal of Optometric Education, past editor of the New England Journal of Optometry, and was a referee for Optometry: Journal of the American Optometric Association.

He is also well known for a series of articles he authored in the 1990's on eye problems associated with HIV, including a chapter he wrote on AIDS in "Primary Eye Care in Systemic Disease," published in 1995, and edited by Marks, Akamczyk and Thomann. He has been a leader in establishing the standard on working with HIV and AIDS patients, and has also been involved with several local organizations that address these issues.

He maintains an active clinical practice at the Dorchester House Multi-Service Center, one of Boston's community health centers, where he has been the Associate Director of the Eye Care Service since 1982.

Save the Date!

1 April 20 through April 22, the College will participate in the **79th NECO Eye Care Congress** in Providence, Rhode Island. On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, stop by and visit our exhibit booth or on Saturday evening join your colleagues for cocktails at the Presidential Reception in the Narragansett Ballroom from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m.

2 Don't forget to come back and visit your alma mater during **AOA/Boston**. The College will be rolling out the red carpet to all conference attendees, alumni, and visitors. From Wednesday, June 27 through Sunday, July 1, the College will provide **tours** of the newly renovated facility throughout the day. Join us on Thursday evening from 7:00 until 8:00 p.m., at the College, for our **Alumni Open House Reception**. Stop by our exhibit booth during the conference for more details.

3 **The Seventh Annual Alumni and Continuing Education Weekend** is all set for the weekend of September 21 through September 24, 2001. Plan on three days of education, reunions, and golf. For the first time, we have combined the golf tournament with Alumni Weekend. If you are a graduate from the Classes of 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, or 1996, it is time to celebrate your reunion.

You are also invited to attend the **Alumni Association's Annual Meeting** during Alumni Weekend.

4 Golfers mark your calendar for the **18th Annual Dr. Foster Namias '32 Scholarship Golf Tournament**, which will be held Monday September 24th at the Marlborough Country Club. Registration forms will be mailed out later this spring.

5 **Career Services Available on College Website.** The new career services aspect of our web site is now up and running! We are happy to announce that this service is available to all alumni. If you are a job seeker, log onto our website at www.ne-optometry.edu click onto Students, then onto Career Services. You can look at all of the jobs in our database, or just those for the state in which you are interested in practicing. For practitioners with job openings to post, you can send it to the Office of Student Life via mail or fax. Our mailing address is 424 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02115, and our fax number is 617/ 369-0162. All additions and changes to the site will be made at the College. We encourage your participation.

For more up-to-date information on alumni events, check our website at ***www.ne-optometry.edu/alumni.***

Watch for the

Alumni Directory Questionnaire

in your mailbox in April.

Neil Schram '71, and Ara Barsamain '92 talk with students about private practice during the Career Seminar.

The 22nd Annual Career Seminar

The 22nd Annual Career Seminar for students was held at the College on March 14. This year's seminar titled "The Early Years" addressed the difficult decisions and challenges graduating students face as they enter the profession. The seven member alumni panel was moderated by **Paulette Demers-Turco** '77, Alumni Association President, and included presentations by: **Paul Cangiano** '96, **Marcia Green** '74, **David MacKay** '92, **Charles Maggio** '96, **Amy Nau** '00, **Andrew Walkowiak** '89. Also in attendance for the roundtable discussions that followed the Seminar were representatives from the Alumni Association: Drs. **Ara Barsamian** '92, **Victor Finnemore** '69, and **Neil Schram** '71.

Paul Cangiano '96 spoke on multi-specialty practice opportunities at the Career Seminar.

Planned Giving Seminar

The New England College of Optometry will present a Planned Giving Seminar on Wednesday, April 25, 2001, at our Beacon Street campus, hosted by President **Alan Lewis** '65. The featured speaker is Ms. Debra Ashton, a nationally recognized planned giving expert, author, and educator.

Ms. Ashton has developed and managed successful planned giving programs for many distinguished institutions, including WGBH, Wheaton College, Boston University, and Boston College. She is best known as the author of "The Complete Guide to Planned Giving," the most comprehensive book ever written on the subject of charitable giving and tax planning.

The Planned Giving Seminar will take place at 424 Beacon Street beginning at 4:00 p.m. Cocktails and dinner will follow Ms. Ashton's lively and informative presentation.

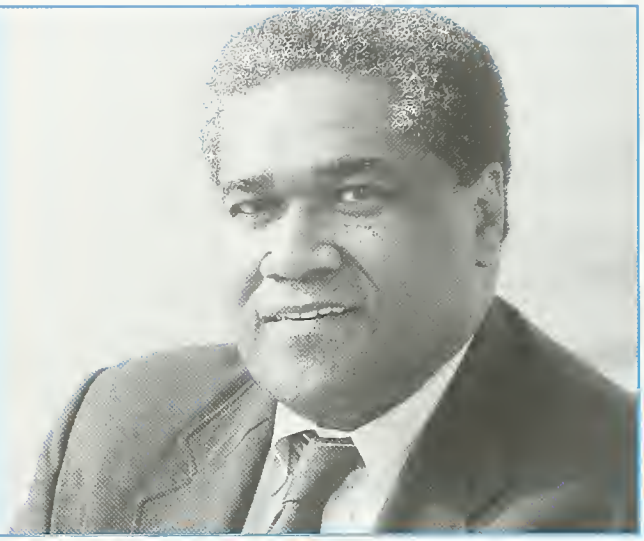
If you would like to learn how to save taxes, secure your financial future, and provide significant support for the College please plan on attending this very special event.

For more information or to RSVP, please call **Nancy Haverstock**, Chief Development Officer, at 617/236-6283.

Alumni Profile: The Honorable Benjamin J.

"Early in life I realized that America had to change. I realized to accomplish change we all have to work together to amend laws and elect public officials who really believe in freedom, liberty, and justice for all Americans."

The Honorable Benjamin J. Lambert, III, O.D.



Benjamin Lambert, III, is a man of ideals. A practicing optometrist and a Virginia State Senator, Benjamin has successfully negotiated many professional and racial barriers, and become a lightning rod for social change throughout his career.

After graduating from the Massachusetts College of Optometry's Class of 1962, Benjamin or "Benny" to his friends, returned to his home state, married his college sweetheart Carolyn Morris, and set up a private practice in Richmond, Virginia's capital city.

It was in the 1970's that Benjamin first became active in state politics. His entrée into the Virginia General Assembly began as a staunch proponent of diagnostic pharmaceutical agent legislation. Benjamin subsequently assumed the job of campaign manager for Lawrence Douglas Wilder, who was later elected as the first African American Governor in the United States. In 1977, encouraged by the Virginia Optometric Association and other constituents, Benjamin ran for and won a seat on the Virginia House of Delegates. In 1985, he was elected to the Senate, representing the City of Richmond and Henrico County, Virginia.

Throughout his tenure in the Virginia General Assembly, Senator Lambert has championed an extraordinary portfolio of health care and education reform legislation. In the 1980's, the Senator successfully patroned diagnostic and therapeutic pharmaceutical agent legislation. As a current member of the Senate Committee on Finance and the Committee on Education and Health, Senator Lambert is able to have a significant impact where it counts — in the funding and regulation of education and health care.

In addition to his responsibilities as a Senator, Benjamin Lambert is an active and committed civic leader. He sits on numerous not-for-profit boards including: secretary of the Board of Trustees of Virginia Union University; director on the Virginia Commonwealth Health Systems Authority; director of the Virginia College Fund; advisor to the Medical College of Virginia; and he is one of the few optometrists who is active in the Old Dominion Medical Society. He also sits on the corporate board of USA Education, Inc. (formerly Sallie Mae); Dominion Resources; and Consolidated Bank & Trust, Co., the oldest African American owned bank in the United States.

In March, Benjamin was the recipient of the United Negro College Fund's (UNCF) Flame Bearer of Education Award. The award recognizes Benjamin's thirty-year commitment to higher education. At a banquet in his honor, Sallie Mae also recognized Benjamin's community activism by donating $60,000 to UNCF's student scholarship fund in his honor.

Doctor Lambert's involvement in optometric professional organizations mirrors his political and civic accomplishments. Dr. Lambert has twice been voted Optometrist of the Year (1980 and 1996) by the Virginia Optometric

Lambert, III, O.D.

Association, and received the same honor by the National Optometric Association, which he was instrumental in founding, in 1972.

A proud alumnus of the College, Benjamin has combined his optometric education with his innovative perspective on health care, education and politics. In doing so, he has carved out a unique, and fascinating career.

Over the course of the past month, **Lauretta Woods**, Director of Alumni Relations spoke with Benjamin and posed these questions.

You are a native Virginian, where did you grow up and attend school?

I grew up in a little place called Ziontown in the western part of Henrico County, Virginia, the second of seven children born to Benjamin J. Lambert, II (deceased) and Mary Frances Warden Lambert. We were three generations under one roof, with my paternal grandmother as chief disciplinarian. I attended Quioccasin Elementary School, a five-room school with outdoor plumbing and potbelly stoves for heat. I graduated from Virginia Randolph High School in Henrico County.

My parents instilled in us early in life, the importance of a good education and becoming independent through "hard but honest" work. I became an "entrepreneur" at the age of 15, with my neighborhood lawn and garden business. I remember vividly my grandmother's wise advice, "Save your money, you're going to college one day." When my parents started their catering business, it became a family operation.

It is interesting that all of the children took a different career path: my oldest sister, Elizabeth, is a retired university professor and administrator, I am an optometrist, Leonard is an attorney, Abbot (deceased) was a retail executive, John Anthony is a comptroller for a major trucking company, my sister Anne is a dentist, and my youngest brother Richard, is a mortician.

Benjamin Lambert, III with members of the Optometric Forum in 1962.

You completed your undergraduate degree at Virginia Union University with a major in math. What was it like moving to Boston to attend school?

I attended MCO when it was located on Newbury Street. The old stone building reminded me of Virginia Union. My mathematics background helped me a great deal at the Massachusetts College of Optometry. Dr. Foster Namias, Dr. Frank Kozol, and Dean Kamens were very helpful to me, as well as all of my classmates, with the exception of a few made me feel very comfortable as a student. I will be forever grateful to the Snetskys, Arthur Peretzian, Alvin Bluhm, Bob North, and Jim Fantazian.

Frank Levin, James Herring, Anthony Porco, and myself were all from the South and we would ride home together. We have quite a few stories to tell. We'd laugh about not understanding the Northern accent and they [the other students] would laugh about not understanding the Southern dialect.

As one of the earliest black graduates of the College, what do you recommend as steps we can take to increase minority enrollment?

In my opinion, having minority faculty and staff increases minority enrollment. As the third African American to graduate from the Massachusetts College of Optometry, I must admit that many things have changed since 1962. Opportunities are better now than ever before. The increase of minority graduates is a tribute to The New England College of Optometry fot opening its doors to all people regatdless of race, creed, or teligion.

After graduating from the College in 1962, you returned to Virginia and set up a private practice where you continue to see patients. What has private practice been like and, based on your experience, how has it changed?

Practicing optometry for the past 37 years has been a wonderful experience. I've been allowed to be a real part of

"Access to quality health care – especially for the working poor who cannot afford insurance – should not be a political football. Yet partisan bickering over health care was the hallmark of this fall's election campaigns across the country."

Richmond Times -Dispatch, November 13, 2000

our Commonwealth and City. My participation in various organizations and groups as a professional has opened many doors. I can honestly say MCO taught us how to be professional.

In terms of changes, the scope of practice has changed with many things incorporated into optometric practice now that were not possible a few years ago. Unfortunately, professionalism as we knew it has faded somewhat.

On the positive side, one of the nice things was being a part of the changes. As a legislator and an optometrist, I played an important role in both the DPA and TPA bills in our state. We are also fortunate, in Virginia, to have optometrists in both Houses of our Virginia Legislature.

Some people are just born politicians, what brought you into politics?

I knew I was going into politics before I went into optometry. Early in life I realized that America had to change. I realized to accomplish change we all have to work together to amend laws and elect public officials who really believe in freedom, liberty, and justice for all Americans.

As a Senator and long-standing member of the Senate Finance Committee and the Committee on Education and Health, what do you see as the future for health care providers like optometrists?

Our future is directly related to our involvement in politics on a local, state, and national level. The delivery of health care by all providers has changed. Managed care has created a different challenge for all of us. The future for all health professions depends on who is in control. I sincerely believe that personal involvement, as well as politics, plays an important role.

You currently sit on several non-profit and prominent private boards in your state namely: the Medical College of Virginia, USA Education, Inc. (Sallie Mae), Consolidated Bank &Trust, and Dominion Resources, the holding company for Virginia Power. How have you been able to impact policies through these commitments? Are there specific programs that you are proud of?

I consider both the quality and the accessibility of health care to be very high priorities. I am very proud to have helped secure funding for our educational institutions, especially our colleges and universities. With regard to education, I have supported initiatives from pre-school to higher education. Here in Virginia, we have been instrumental in keeping tuition for higher education affordable. This has made Virginia colleges and universities very attractive to students from other parts of the country.

As a member of USA Education, I am able to work with the corporation that is responsible for more than sixty percent of the loans for students in colleges and universities.

I have also been a strong supporter of Standards of Learning and had the opportunity to serve as a member of the Southern Regional Education Board's Commission for Education Quality. This commission is responsible for most of the reforms in education in the South.

The single parent program funding at St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Virginia, started in 1987, is one of the programs that I am particularly proud of. It is the best welfare reform program in the country because it provides a college education for single parents, and residential and educational care for their families.

What are your legislative goals in this term?

During the 2001 Session of the Virginia General Assembly, I have sponsored bills and budget amendments that are intended to improve our health care standards. For example, Senate Bill 724, the Children's Medical Security Plan, increases medical insurance coverage for children of working families. I have also sponsored several budget amendments increasing funding for elderly health care.

When you do get time off, what do you do for fun?

I like to cook for my family on Sunday morning before church and sometimes for friends. I love sports and reading. I am chairman of our church's education program, which raises money for college scholarships for our young people.

The Class of 2001 will be graduating in a few months, any words of advice?

My words of advice to the Class of 2001? Be flexible. Do exciting things. Don't be afraid to take chances!

This is the first in a new ongoing series of Alumni Profiles. If you have an alumnus/ae who you would like to suggest for a profile, please contact Lauretta Woods, Director of Alumni Relations.

Senator Lambert with Governor Charles S. Robb at signing of DPA bill. Left to right, Benjamin Lambert, III, Dr. Earnest Schlabach, Mr. Bruce Kenny, Dr. Robert Peters.

Class Notes

Class Notes were compiled and edited by Charlene Chateauneuf, ODIII and Amanda Hale, OD I.

1930's

Edward Berman '37: Wayland, MA; Edward is retired. While practicing optometry he was in charge of the Boston Army Base eye clinic. After the base closed in 1969, he became the optometric consultant to the AFES at the Army base until it closed in 1980. He continued working with the AFES in its Boston location until 1992.

Steven Karvelas '37: Augusta, ME; Steven retired in 1979. He and his wife of 58 years have been traveling, and have not slowed down!

Melvin Fine '39: Malden, MA; Melvin is in general practice. He has his DPA and TPA licenses, and is a member of the MSO and AOA. He has played golf for over 50 years, and now dedicates all his spare time to his wife, daughters, grandchildren and his golden retriever.

Raymond Guillette '39: Mansfield, MA; After 25 years of practice, Raymond retired and moved to Florida due to poor health in 1971. Until his retirement, he was dedicated to the Optometric Extension Program. After retiring, he became involved in the Visually Impaired Persons Rehabilitation Center of Southwest Florida. For 15 years, he volunteered as a low vision specialist, applying his optometric services to enable patients to be more independent. Two years ago, he moved back to Massachusetts, and now volunteers in the elementary school where his youngest daughter is the school nurse. He tutors, and helps give yearly eye exams in the school. He has worked on educating parents about vision development, how to strengthen their children's vision skills, and he encourages them to read to their children. The most rewarding aspect of his work is helping children to develop their reading and math skills, and he has been very fulfilled by his experience as a volunteer.

Frederick Wagner '39: Saugus, MA; For 54 years, Frederick worked in a solo practice in Boston, and presently works in an associate practice with his son, Fred, Jr. '73, in Melrose. He is a past president of the Boston Society of Optometrists, a 25 year member of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Optometry, serving as its chairman and secretary, and is the present chairman of the Board of Assessors of the Town of Saugus.

John Weast '39: Bar Harbor, ME; John has retired from solo practice where he worked, with his wife as secretary. He is a member of the Maine Optometric Association and the AOA. He enjoys music; he played in dance bands from high school until retirement. He now plays in the Shrine Concert and Dance Band, he and his wife sing in the church choir, and he plays golf.

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Norman Mayer '41: Sharon, MA; Norman has been retired for 16 years, and is a life member of the AOA and MOA. He and his wife volunteer at a local Jewish community center, and he volunteers at a daycare center and the local public library. He is an active lifetime member of the Lion's Club.

Murray Rapoport '41: Boynton Beach, FL; Murray retired in 1986. He is a member of the AOA, a Fellow in the AAO, and was president of the Connecticut Optometric Association, International Optometric Executives, and the Florida Retired Optometric Association. He has two sons that are optometrists, as well as a nephew and brother. He enjoys walking and a little gymnastics.

Herbert Iventash '42: Providence, RI; Herbert is retired, and serves as a track and field official in college and high schools. He enjoys traveling and is involved in the Heritage Harbor Project. He is on the executive committee for the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association.

Ralph Levine '42: Needham, MA; Ralph works part-time in a practice with two ophthalmologists. He was in private practice in Boston for 44 years, and was an associate professor at the New England Medical Center Department of Ophthalmology for 38 years. He retired from the hospital in 1990. Ralph has three daughters and five grandchildren, and enjoys bowling and cribbage.

To Whom It May Concern:

Raymond Guillette' 39 and friends.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to tell you a bit more about my father than what can be gleaned from the enclosed survey/Class Notes (or than he would want me to say.). My sisters and I are very proud of him. As a family man, the father of four daughters, he has been loving, supportive and inspiring. He has always been an avid learner and has encouraged us all to pursue educational advancement. As an optometrist, he was a practitioner of the great integrity, providing the highest quality of service to each patient and continually taking advantage of opportunities to learn how to improve his practice. Because of his kind, gentle and professional manner, Dad was a well-loved and respected member of the community during his many years of practice in Mansfield.

In addition to the responsibilities of family and work, he also headed the Mansfield Chapter of the Citizen Scholarship Foundation, which provided economic support for deserving students who wished to continue their education. Upon retiring to Florida due to a heart condition and arthritis, he volunteered his professional services to help develop the Vision Center. An avid recycler, he would collect cans on his bike rides about town, recycling them and donating the deposit returns to the Vision Center. As the Class Notes indicate, at 85, undaunted by severe arthritis, he is currently volunteering at the elementary school where my sister is the school nurse. He works with four classrooms, providing individualized attention and help with reading and math to first and second graders. The children adore him, the teachers greatly appreciate him, and we are immensely proud of him and inspired by him. I wish there were many more like him to help in the schools and the community where I now work and live. We are also thrilled that he continues to find meaning and a purpose for living after the recent loss of our mother. In summary, our father is a very unique and wonderful man whose character and career reflect honorably on the field of optometry.

Sincerely,

Karen Guillette, Director, 21st Century Community Learning Center Program

Irving Fradkin '43: Fall River, MA; Irving retired and closed his practice this past summer. He spends most of his time on his "Citizens Scholarship Foundation of America-Dollars for Scholars" program that he founded in 1958. CSFA is a grassroots organization that helps local communities raise money for college scholarships. Today there are nearly 800 chapters, and together they have raised over a half billion dollars, funding over 492,000 students across the country. Irving's son, Russell '78, and his wife, Jane, have a joint optometric practice in Whitinsville, MA.

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Maynard Rosen, Class of '39.

Irwin Graubart '43: Providence, RI; Irwin is semi-retired. He is an avid reader and enjoys attending Masonic meetings and senior citizen organization affairs with his wife.

Jerome Roberts '43: Woburn, MA; Jerome practices general optometry, and is certified in therapeutics, vision training, and contact lenses. He is a member of the MSO and AOA. He has five children and two grandchildren, and enjoys photography and electronics.

Murray Miller '44: Cranston, RI; Murray retired in 1998 and is living in Florida for the winters, and sells vintage watches on e-Bay. He owns a hearing aid business and enjoys golfing and his computer.

Mitchell Kuhn '46: Peabody, MA; Mitchell is in solo practice, and is a member of the AOA, NECO, and American Academy of Optometry. He and his wife, Barbara, have three children and three grandchildren.

Frank Kozol '48: Sharon, MA; Frank is now retired, but continues to attend continuing education programs to keep up with new developments. He and his wife, Ruth, spend rhe winter in Florida, and have plans to travel and to buy a computer.

Arthur Eleftherio '49: Falls Church, VA; Arthur is in solo practice. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel of the Army, and enjoys golfing.

Leon Ginsburg '49: Boynton Beach, FL; Leon is retired and is experiencing eye problems from retinitis pigmenrosa. He is currently working on a paper on the subject. He is a lifetime member of the MSO and a Fellow in the AAO. He and Robert Kraus '43, created a refracting lane at the Migrant Workers Health Clinic in Florida. Leon is also working on his golf game, though he says someone must watch the ball for him and remember where it went!

Richard Snow '49: Rockland, ME; Richard retired from private practice in Laconia, NH. He is a member of the AOA, NHOA and was an officer pilot in the U.S. Air Force for 28 years. He has two sons, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

L. Jerome Stein '49: Centerville, MA; Jerome worked in private practice from 1949 until 1997, and was on staff at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital from 1967 until 1996. He has three daughters and seven grandchildren, and enjoys golf, tennis, and reading.

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Burton Gerson '50: Delray Beach, FL; Burt is retired after practicing in Stoughton, MA, for 50 years. He practiced general optometry, which included contact lenses and low vision. He and his wife, Nora, have been married for 40 years, and they have two sons, and two grandchildren. He enjoys golf, biking, and square dancing.

Melvin Kranseler '50: Palm Desert, CA; Melvin is retired, and keeps in touch with Robert Kisner '50.

M. Stuart Berman '52: Lawrence, MA; Stuart worked in solo practice for almost 50 years. He is a member of the MSO and AOA, and enjoys golf, antiques, and collectibles.

Erwin Chernoff '52: Monterey, CA; Erwin is retired, and enjoys tennis, dancing, and taking courses.

Israel (Irving) Bloomfield '52: Chestnut Hill, MA; Irving retired from private practice in 1990. He is a lifetime member of MSO, AOA, and the Boston Society of Optometrists. He and his wife, Miriam, have been married for 50 years, and their son, Jeffrey lives in Massachusetts wirh his wife

and three sons. Irving enjoys golf, and lives half the year in Delray Beach, FL.

Eugene Bogage '52: Pottsville, PA; Eugene is in solo practice, and is the past-president of the Pennsylvania Optometric Association. He has five children.

William Myers '52: Framingham, MA; William is semi-retired and has a small solo office in his home. He is a senior member of the MSO and its affiliates. He has three children all living on the East Coast, and six grandchildren. He is an active member of the square dance club in Massachusetts.

Frances Parker Tucker '52: Leesburg, FL; Following the death of her husband in 1996, Frances retired and built a house in a retirement community. She was remarried in 1999.

Harry Zeltzer '52: Ipswich, MA; Harry is semi-retired, and is the president-elect for VOSH International and President of VOSH NECO. He also serves on the Helen Keller Worldwide Advisory Board.

Allan Kurlan '53: Worcester, MA; Allan is semi-retired, working about eight hours per week. He sold his practice in 1995, and now works for the new owner. He is still a member of all the optometric organizations. Allan and his wife, Marilyn, have two children and two grandchildren. He found optometry to be a rewarding profession, and tried to persuade his children and grandchildren to consider it as a career. He keeps in touch with Herbert Aaron '53 and Joseph Medeiros '53.

Ira Schwartz '53: Groton, CT; Working in a solo practice. He has been the chairman of the Northeast Vision Conference for 31 years. He is completing a research project showing the effect of vision on self-esteem.

Carmine Guida '54: Stoneham, MA; Carmine is semi-retired in solo practice out of his home. He is a past-president and was executive director of the MSO for 17 years. He is a member of the AOA, NECO, and The New England College of Optometry Board of Corporators. He is active in the Sons of Italy in America, and is a past-president and vice president. He has three sons, and three granddaughters.

Stanley Levine '54: Virginia Beach, VA; Stanley is retired, and he and wife, Robbie, have two children and three grandchildren.

Morris Toll '54: Danvers, MA; Morris is mostly retired. He now works two to three days a week as an independent optometrist for a small chain. He is an ex-president of the Danvers Kiwanis Club, a corporator for the Danvers Savings Bank, and on the board of directors for the Temple Shalom-Salem. He has two daughters and five grandchildren.

Morton Greendorfer '55: Jackson Heights, NY; Morton has reduced his office hours to three days a week and has started taking liberal arts courses at his undergraduate college. He says it is great to slow down and take life easy. He is enjoying spending more time with his wife, their two children, and three grandchildren.

Leonard Gittler '56: Clay, NY; Leonard has been practicing general optometry including contact lenses since 1958. He belongs to the Liverpool Lions Club and is in Brotherhood in a local Temple. He has four children, and is interested in astronomy and astrophysics. His wife works as a part-time bookkeeper. When he retires, he and his wife plan to travel in their R.V.

Howard Coleman '57: East Providence, RI; Howard is in the "semi-retired phase" of private practice. He has been very involved in optometry at state, regional, and national levels. He has two children; one is a clinical psychologist, and the other is an assistant district attorney.

Anthony Rascati '58: Spring Hill, FL; Anthony is enjoying retirement. He and his wife, Katherine, have been married for nearly 45 years. They have four children, and eight grandchildren. He is back to playing golf, pool, and bowling.

Maurice Edwards '59: Shrewsbury, MA; Maurice is semi-retired. He and wife, Jan, have three children. Maurice enjoys golf, tennis, and fishing.

Forrest Seavey '59: Campton, NH; Forrest is retired. He enjoys traveling and skiing. He is a ski instructor at Waterville Valley in New Hampshire.

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Class of 1950 during their 50th Class Reunion.

1960's

Arthur Fields '60: Roslyn, NY; Arthur retired from solo practice three years ago. He has five grandchildren, and likes to play tennis, travel, and has a vacation home in Florida. He keeps in touch with Gilbert Sellars '60.

Stanley Feller '61: Tamarac, FL; Stanley retired in 1980 from practice in Buffalo, NY. He is a life member of AOA. He travels a lot, and says he is a "computer nut" and teaches a computer course.

Sheldon Strauss '61: Quincy, MA; Sheldon has a solo practice in Quincy serving predominantly Asian patients. He studied conventional Cantonese and is presently studying Vietnamese. He is chairman of the Medicaid committee for the MSO and member of the managed care committee for the MSO. He has been married for 40 years. He has three children and two grandchildren. He enjoys fishing and digging for clams.

Mel Nadelman '62: Orange, CT; Mel has been in solo practice for 36 years. He and his wife travel extensively. They love to go on cruises, and frequently travel to Las Vegas. He is preparing for retirement, probably in Las Vegas. His daughter, Amy Gurland-DuBrow '92, is in practice in Sharon, MA. He keeps in touch with Michael Gorman '62, Robert Golden '62, and Robert Agranov '61.

Robert North '62: Abington, MA; Robert is in a solo general optometry practice. From 1964 to the present he has been a member of the MSO and AOA. He serves on the contact lens committee and has been involved with the Lions Club for 18 years serving as president. He enjoys golf and has won several tournaments at the Marshfield Country Club. He has been married for 37 years. He has recently been in touch with Sen. Benjamin Lambert '62, Anthony Porco '62, Robert Golden '62 and Michael Gorman '62.

Joseph D'Amico '63: Holden, MA; Joseph is in solo practice and in association with his daughter, Jennifer D'Amico, O.D., and her husband Timothy O'Connor, O.D. He is the VOSH president-elect. He helped establish a clinic in Nicaragua that is equipped to train local doctors to perform eye exams. He keeps in touch with some alumni through VOSH programs. He now has two grandchildren, Sofia and Timothy.

Victor Gallo '63: Concord, MA; Victor retired in '97, the day before his 70th birthday. He and wife, Peggy, are both healthy and wise! Victor is now into his computer and has taken up bread baking.

Michael Tamarkin '63: York, PA; Michael is now retired after 37 years of practice, and tours the U.S. in his motor home!

Joseph Marmarosh '65: Rochester, NY; Joseph practiced optometry for three years in the Air Force and eleven years for Eastman Kodak Company. He then changed careers and has been a financial consultant for the last 21 years. His wife, Nicole, is an associate research professor at the University of Rochester Medical Center. They have two sons, David is 20 and Robbie is 18 years old. He keeps in touch with Arthur Stuchins '65, Peter Myers '65, and Alan Lewis '65. He notes that the Eastman Kodak Company made a donation to the College's clinic on his behalf in 1974.

Philip Linsky '65: Swampscott, MA; Philip is in private solo practice. He is a member of the MSO, AOA, and NECO. He and his wife of 36 years, Elaine, have one son and two grandsons. He enjoys golfing.

Jerome Weiss '65: Syracuse, NY; Jerome is in practice with four optometrists in two offices. He is a member of the AOA, NYSOA, and Central NY Optometric Society, and a Fellow of AAO.

Theodore Edmonds '66: Lewisburg, PA; Theodore has been retired since June 1999.

Matthew Elgart '66: Lyme, CT; Has been in general practice since 1966 in Old Saybrook and Deep River. He has been in partnership with Edward Pinn for 28 years. He is active in the Lions Low Vision Centers in Connecticut, and the Special Olympics vision screenings. He is affiliated with The Laser Center. He and his wife, Linda, have been married for 38 years, and are moving into their 15th residence in June. They also like to travel, and have two children Monya '97, and Michael. Matthew keeps in touch with Phil Sidran '65.

James Georgis '66: Pueblo, CO; James has been practicing in the same town since 1967, and he specializes in optometric neurological head trauma treatment. He is a member of the AOA, Colorado Optometric Association, and the Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association. He and his wife, Sharon, have been married for 36 years, and they have two children. He enjoys fishing and traveling, and keeps in touch with Theodore Edmonds '66, Robert Titelbaum '66, and Paul Heyman '66.

John Kavanagh '66: DeWitt, NY; John has fully retired from solo practice, and sold his practice in 1995.

Paul Adrien '67: Eustis, FL; Paul fully retired from solo practice in 1999. He is a life member of the AOA. He is busy with flying, boating, and traveling. He keeps in touch with colleagues via e-mail, and recently visited with classmate Allen Kaplan '67 and his wife, Helen, in West Palm Beach, FL.

George Ehlert '67: Jacksonville, FL; George is a retired Naval optometrist and is working as a clinician for Vistakon. He is a lifetime member of the Armed Forces Optometric Society and the Retired Officers Association, as well as a member of the AOA. His wife, Nancy, is a teacher, and they have two daughters, Alison and Melissa, who live in Dallas, TX. He keeps in touch with most of his classmates living in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Allen Kaplan '67: Catskill, NY; Allen enjoys being able to offer extensive care to his patients as a result of changes in optometric laws in NY State. He works in a solo private practice. He has three children. Nancy teaches 6th grade in New York City. His son, David, runs a year-round camp in San Diego, and his daughter, Anita, is the assistant women's basketball coach and earning her MBA at Santa Clara University. Allen still plays basketball, and he and his wife, Helen, spent a day in Florida with Paul '67 and Barbara Adrien recently.

David Smith '67: Jupiter, FL; David practices golf now five to six days a week. He retired in 1992. He and wife, Lisa, recently celebrated 40 years of marriage. He has two children, and his son, Jason '93, carries on his optometric practice in New Jersey.

Alan Grossman '68: Marco Island, FL; Alan retired in 1999. His daughter, Debra Grossman Sleight '95, and Ara Barsamian '92 now own his practice. He divides his time between fishing in Florida and Massachusetts, and he has two grandchildren.

Clifford Scott '68: Boston, MA; Clifford is Department Chair of Community Care and Public Health for The New England College of Optometry. He is no longer involved in

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direct patient care, but is more focused on teaching and College administration. He has two grandsons, and enjoys flying and running. He keeps in touch with alumni and classmates through professional meetings and CE courses.

William Watts '68: Newburyport, MA; William has been in private practice for 25 years, and is now working with Chad McDonald '98. He is active on the TLC Advisory Board and National Board of Examiners. In his free time he enjoys skiing and sailing. He and his wife enjoy March baseball at the Red Sox spring training camp. They have two children; their son is working in computer science, and their daughter is an illustrator of children's books.

Joel Marcus '69: Madison, CT; Joel retired from practicing optometry in 1981. He and his wife, Joan, have a son, David, who is in the Navy.

Henry Wirth '69: Los Lunas, NM; Henry retired from the USPMS, and is now contracting.

1970's

James Begun '70: Montpelier, VT; James is in private practice in Montpelier and on staff at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, and has a faculty position at Dartmouth Medical School. He was the first optometrist at both the Wilmer Institute of Ophthalmology at Johns Hopkins Hospital, and Dartmouth Medical School. He holds two patents on optical and ophthalmic equipment, and has been published in several optometric journals. He enjoys photography and sailing.

Mark Forgues '70: Worcesrer, MA; Mark is working in partnership with his son, Matthew '97. He is a member of AOA, a Fellow of AAO, and a past-president of MSO. Mark has four sons, and two grandsons.

Samuel Baron '71: Lakewood, CO; Is having fun in private practice near Denver. He is an adjunct associare professor at Indiana and Pacific Universities, hosting interns at his practice. Sam and his wife, Marilyn, were married in September!

Robert Kisner '50 and his wife.

Peter Cottone '71: Watertown, MA; Peter is in a solo private practice. He is a member of the AOA, NECO, MSO, and The New England College of Optometry Alumni Association. He is chairman of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Optometry. His wife, Barbara, is a schoolteacher, and they have a daughter, Jennifer, who is a freshman at Boston University, majoring in Journalism.

Bruce Orkin '71: Port Washington, NY; Bruce is working with Cohen's Fashion Optical, and co-managing refractive surgery patients. He enjoys tennis, skiing, and photography.

John Page '71: Overland Park, KS; Working in a three-doctor general practice, and recently finished a three-year term on the Kansas Board of Examiners. His daughter is married, and his son recently finished college. John's hobbies include flying his Cessna 150, riding his Harley Davidson, collecting knives, and antiquing.

Robert Troendle '71: Wolfeboro, NH; Robert is working in private practice, providing general and contact lens services. Robert is a member of AOA and NHOA, where he is on the board of directors. He and his wife have two daughters and three grandchildren.

J. Benjamin Brumberg '72: Tallahassee, FL; Benji currently works for Governor Jeb Bush in Florida as an Ombudsman,

and with the Department of Environmental Protection. He and his wife, Dorothy, have been married for 24 years. Their son, Robby, attends Auburn University, and their daughter attends Georgia Tech.

Ronald Cline '72: Randolph, MA; Ronald works in a general practice, specializing in contact lenses. He is a member of AOA, and MSO. He and his wife, Barbara, have been married for 30 years, and they have three children, Matthew, Heather, and Joshua, and one granddaughter, Hannah. He is interested in nutrition and meteorology and enjoys skiing and bodybuilding. He keeps in touch with classmates as much as possible.

Richard Robillard '72: Nashua, NH; Recently retired from general practice, Richard continues to serve as the treasurer of the Merrimack Valley District of the MSO. He volunteers at the St. Jeanne d'Arc School in Lowell, MA.

Kenneth Ciuffreda '73: Woodbridge, NJ; Kenneth has edited two books on vision: *Modeling of the Visual System* and *Optometric Management of the Patient with Acquired Brain Injury*. He was recognized as a Distinguished Teaching Professor at SUNY College of Optometry.

John Maurillo '73: Skaneateles, NY; Works in a solo practice, and just moved into a larger office. John is applying for Fellowship in the AAO, and is currently a member of Optcom. He and his wife, Kathy, have a 20 year old daughter and a 3 year old son.

Thomas Antonian '74: Rehoboth, MA; Is working in a private practice. He is a member of AOA and RIOA. He is involved in the Lion's Club of Rumford, the MGB Club, and the Corvette Club. He and his wife, Angela, have a daughter, Alexa, and a grandson, Daelen, who is 10 months old. Baseball and cars are still a priority for Tom!

Charles Bailey '74: Ankeny, IA; After selling his private practice, he is currently practicing as an independent contractor in a Wal-Mart Vision Center, and is certified in therapeutics and glaucoma. He is the father of 5 children; Charles Bailey, III '99; Amy, a computer consultant; Jason, a second-year student at ICO; Kristin, a teacher; and Eric, who attends the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

J. David Heward '74: South Portland, ME; David is in solo practice. He is a member of the Maine Board of Optometry, the MOA, and AOA. He and wife, Margarita, have two children, a daughter, Keiderose, and a son, Uli.

J. David Higgins '74: Kittery, ME; David is in a multidisciplinary practice and serves as residency director.

Joseph Molinari '74: Tallahassee, FL; In November, Joseph became the first optometrist to be appointed to the Editorial Board of Military Medicine, the official publication of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States (AMSUS). He is currently the Director of Vision Care Services at the Veterans Health Affairs Outpatient Clinic in Tallahassee, the IMA to Director USAF Headquarters (REM) Pentagon, and a part-time practitioner in Panama City Beach. He was named the AMSUS Optometrist of the Year for Federal Service in 1999. He is a member of ARVO, and AOA, and a Fellow of the AAO.

Joseph Osmanski '74: Chepachet, RI; Joseph is in private practice with associate Robert Thacker '93. He is past president of the RIOA and president-elect for NECO. He has three children. He keeps in touch with Ed Hackman '76, and skis with Mark Deresienski '75, Phil Wright '75, and Judson Dexter '75.

Robert Rosenstein '74: Bahama, NC; Robert is in private practice, providing primary care. He has served as a clinical examiner for the NCBEO, and is currently a course reviewer for the Council on Optometric Practitioner Education. He is a member of NCSOS, AIA, the Eastern District Optometric Society, and a Fellow of AAO. He and his wife, Deborah, have three "delightful children;" Allison is 24 years old, and graduated from UNC-Greensboro with a double major in History and Communication, and is currently in Westminster University in London working on a Master's degree in International Relations. His daughter, Nicole, is 22 years old, and is working on a degree in Parks and Recreation at West Virginia University. His son, Aaron, is 20 years old, and a second-year student at UNC Chapel Hill.

Richard Russe '74: Simsbury, CT; Richard is in general practice, and is active in the AOA, NECO, and CAO.

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He and his wife, Maureen, a teacher, have three sons: Jon works for an information technology company in Boston, Jamie is a junior at Loyola College in Baltimore, MD, and just returned from a semester in Thailand, and Joe is a freshman at St. Michael's College in Vermont, where he is a member of the lacrosse team.

Ross Schwartz '74: Middletown, NJ; Ross is in partnership with Dr. Stephen Zigman '74. He is a member of the AOA, N.J. Society of Optometrists, OEP, and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and N.J. Academy. He has three children.

Henry Stevens '74: N. Miami, FL; Henry practices general and holistic optometric medicine with specialties in contact lenses, low vision, and nutritional and complimentary treatment. He is part of the Dade County, Florida and Southern States Optometric Associations. He was married in 1999, and has one grandchild. He enjoys running, gardening, and research, and keeps in touch with Arnold Mishcon '74, and James Craig '74.

Judson Dexter '75: Keene, NH; Practices in two locations with six optometrists, and has consolidated with his brother, Clark Dexter '76. Judson is a N.H. State Representative, and a clinical investigator for the FDA and Johnson and Johnson. He has four children and is a professional ski instructor.

Jeffery Dutch '75: Belfast, ME; Working in a private practice, and is currently negotiating a partnership with an associate. Jeffery is a past-president of MOA and NECO, and serves on the AOA Congress Committee and Leadership Development Committee. His 21 year old daughter will be married this summer after she graduates from college. He enjoys playing golf in the summer and curling in the winter.

Harvey Rappoport '75: Cranston, RI; Works in private practice, now with Kevin Toolin '97. Harvey has been married to his wife, Lorraine, for 29 years. Their son, Joshua, is a graduate of Wharton School of Business, and Benjamin will graduate from Stanford this June with a degree in Product Design.

Jay Greenstein '76: Denver, CO; Jay works in a general practice with two associates. He is the president of the Colorado VOSH, and a member of AOA and COA. He is an affiliate of the Clearvision Laser Center and TLC. He enjoys skiing and snowboarding, and playing the guitar, and is still happily married. He keeps in touch with Mark Sturm '76 and Sam Baron '71.

Vincent McMahon '76: Keene, NH; Working in a private practice as the sole owner. He is a member of AOA, NECO, NHOA, COVD, and NORA. His wife, Georgia, is a college professor at Colby Sawyer, and Antioch, New England. Their daughter, Lindsay, is a freshman at Mary Washington College, in Fredericksburg, VA. Their son, Ben, is a junior in high school, and is a D.J. and Webmaster. Vincent keeps in touch with Mark Sturm '76, Jay Greenstein '76, and Ed Godnig '76.

Phillip Wright '76: Charlestown, RI; He has been working in private practice with Rhode Island Group Health Association for 20 years. He and his wife, Kelly, have four children, Stephanie, Alexander, Victoria, and Jaclyn.

Paul Abplanalp '77: Weston, FL; Paul has served as the associate dean for academic affairs at NOVA-Southeastern University since September 1999.

David Caban '77: Manchester, NH; David owns a private practice, Manchester Eye Associates. He has two associates, Randy Williams '93, and Linda Gilligan '96. He is the President of the NH Board of Registration in Optometry, secretary of the N.H. Joint Pharmaceutical Formulary Board, and is active in the NHOA, AOA, NHPHA, and APHA. He and his wife, Diane, have three children; Michael is biochemistry major at Boston College, Christine is a senior in high school and wants to major in nursing next year, and David is in seventh grade.

Paulette Demers-Turco '77: Andover, MA; Paulette is working in a hospital-based practice, specializing in low vision. She works with the Department of Ophthalmology at Harvard Medical School, the Department of Rehabilitative Medicine in the B. U. Medical School, is an adjunct faculty member at the University of Massachusetts Graduate School

of Education, and is President of The New England College of Optometry Alumni Association. She has two sons, Damian, who graduated from Bryant College, and Andrew, who is attending the University of Vermont. In 2000, she traveled to Turkey, Spain, China, and Hungary, and her hobbies are golf, tennis, running, hiking, and cross-country skiing.

Glenda Denham '77: Niwot, CO; Working in a general family practice with one partner, specializing in contact lenses, vision therapy, and co-managing LASIK patients. Her husband, Ed Kellogg, and her stepson, Harris, recently accompanied her on a VOSH trip to Costa Rica. She keeps in touch with Emil Horowitz '77, Barbara Manburg '77, Lynn Wittman '76, Jay Greenstein '76, and Nancy Carlson '77.

Fred Goldberg '77: McLean, VA; Fred is in a partnership in a private practice in McLean, VA. He is president of the Northern Virginia Optometric Society, on the Executive Board of the Virginia Optometric Association, a member of the AOA, and the Southern Council of Optometrists, and a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry. Fred has a 9 year old son. He is a black belt in Hap Ki Do and enjoys biking. He keeps in touch with classmates Greg Bodrie, Chris Holcomb, Steve Bennett.

Joel Brauner '78: Ramot Bet, Jerusalem, Israel; Joel is selling his practice in Buffalo, NY, in order to move to Israel. In Jerusalem, he plans to practice and teach at the Hadassah College of Optometry and/or the Tel Aviv Optometry College of Bar Ilan University.

Emerson Brown '78: Savannah, GA; Works in a solo general practice, specializing in contact lenses. Emerson is the low vision director of the Savannah Association for the Blind, and is a member of the U.S. Army Reserves. He is a member of the NOA, the Society of Professional Optometrists, the Armed Forces Optometric Society, and AMSUS. He serves as the chair of the board of trustees of Asbury United Methodist Church. He and his wife, Carol Williams-Brown '78, have a son, Eric. Emerson is an avid fisherman, and motivational speaker.

Dennis Cantwell '78: Herndon, VA; Dennis specializes in developmental optometry and vision therapy, with a general practice on the side. He is a board certified Fellow with the College of Optometrists in Vision Development. Dennis has four children between the ages of 2 and 16, and is interested in computers and music.

A. Robert Child, Jr. '78: Middletown, RI; Will be competing in the New World Challenge, a round-the-world yacht race, beginning May 2002.

Lee DeRosa '78: Lewiston, MA; Lee is working in a group practice.

Mitchell Goldstein '78: Boca Raton, FL; Mitchell is working in association with a retail optical practice. His son, Andrew, is in 10th grade, on the honor roll and playing varsity baseball. Mitchell is a biker, and on the Board of the Boca Raton Bicycle Club.

Terry Goodman '78: Manchester, NH; Terry has been elected to the board of directors of the New Hampshire Optometric Association.

Richard Kaskawits '78: Ardsley, NY; Works in a solo private practice. He has a son attending Tulane University, and a son in junior high school.

Caroline Marten-Ellis '78: Westwood, MA; Working in a solo general ophthalmology practice, and part-time at Cambridge Hospital Eye Clinic, and at NEEI for Glaucoma and Pathology Clinic. She is on staff at Beth-Israel Deaconess Hospital, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, New England Baptist Hospital, New England Medical Center Hospital, Cambridge Hospital, and Boston Medical Center. Her husband, Steve, is still at MIT, and they have two children, Carmen, 11 years old, and Christopher, 9 years old.

Bezalel Schendowich '78: Jerusalem, Israel; Bezalel is working in a hospital-based practice, specializing in contact lenses and keratoconus. He is a Fellow of the International Association of Contact Lens Educators, and is listed by the National Keratoconus Foundation as a referral doctor. He has three children, ages 18, 16, and 14.

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Richard Wallingford '75, William Dolan '73 and friend at SECO.

Robert Waldman '78: Mentor, OH; Robert has been working in a solo private practice since graduation. He is beginning to co-manage LASIK patients, and has increased his use of therapeutics. He and his wife, Caren, have three sons, one is 18 years old, and two are 14. He enjoys golf and exercise, and is a fan of the Cleveland Indians and Browns. He stays in touch with Russell Fradkin '78.

Yves Alloucherie '79: Ellenville, NY; Yves works in a solo private practice. He is a member of the AOA and a Fellow of the AAO.

Thomas Colp '79: Thousand Oaks, CA; Thomas works as a civilian optometrist for the U.S. Navy and is a Naval Reserve Officer. He holds the rank of Captain, and has served as the Commanding Officer of hospital units. He is a member of the Naval Reserve Association, the Association of Military Surgeons of the US, and the Armed Forces Optometric Association. Thomas is married with three children; his oldest daughter just graduated from U.C. Berkeley, one attends Fresno State University, and his son is in his first year at Westmont College. Thomas is a sailing enthusiast and a member of the Anacapa Yacht Club.

Susan Hankin '79: Seattle, WA; Susan works in private practice two blocks from her home, where she sees a variety of patients. Her children are 7, 13, 15, and 18 years old, and her oldest daughter has been studying in Israel for the past year and a half. Her family spent four months in Israel last spring at the Weizman Institute. She keeps in touch with Penny Gay '79.

Daniel Roy '79: Sanford, ME; Daniel works in a busy solo practice in Sanford. He is on the board of directors for Maine's prevention of blindness programs. He is also an associate clinical instructor for the University of New England Medical School. He has two children; his son, Mike, is a freshman at Bates College and interested in genetic engineering, and his daughter, Mandy, is a freshman in high school.

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Debra Budick Sheinkopf '80: New York, NY; Debra is practicing low vision, teaching continuing education, and supervising residents and interns at Lighthouse International in New York. She is also an adjunct clinical professor at SUNY College of Optometry. She has two children, Isaac, 7 years old, and Sarah, 4 years old, and is active in her husband's political consulting business. She was disappointed that she missed this year's reunion, but was "there in spirit."

Richard Olson '80: Oregon, WI; Richard works in a commercial practice. He and his wife, Mary, have two daughters; Angie graduated from the College in 1999, and Amy who lives in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. He keeps in touch with Irwin Shwom '80, John Pietrantonio '80, John Pulaski '80, and Tom Munns '77.

Jeffrey Palmer '80: East Hampton, CT; Jeffrey works in a private practice, and is exploring the possibility of opening a second office in the next few months. He adds that he enjoyed reunion weekend this year!

Robert Pinkert '80: Paradise Valley, AZ; Works in a large group practice with eight ophthalmologists and eight optometrists. He is involved in AOA, AZOA, is a Fellow in the AAO, and was recognized as the Optometrist of the Year in Arizona in 1994.

John Sienko '80: Wallingford, CT; For over 20 years, he has been a partner in a private practice. He serves on the state of Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometry, and as a consultant for eight nursing and convalescent homes. He has been the Director of the Connecticut Association of Optometrists for 10 years, and is involved in AOA. He is a consultant for ProClear Contact Lenses. He has two children; one is a sophomore at Fairfield University and the other is a junior in high school.

Lloyd Snider '80: West Bloomfield, MI; Lloyd works in a private group practice, and is optometric director of a Laser Center. He recently attended an International Laser Symposium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, given by Nidek. He and his wife, Harriet, just celebrated their 20th anniversary, and they have three children, Rachel, Brad and Jaclyn who are 15, 13 and 9 years old. He enjoyed the 20 year reunion in Boston this fall.

Keith Thompson '80: Venice, FL; Keith is practicing in a commercial office, has two children, and enjoys scuba diving, fishing, hunting, and boating.

Arthur Weinwurm '80: Boca Raton, FL; Is currently working in a group practice with two locations. His wife, Ann, is a patient advocate for a hospice in Boca Raton. They have two sons, Joshua, 14 years old, and Eric, 9 years old. He enjoys skiing, and reports that his class does a good job keeping in touch with one another.

Lori Beck Mowbray '81: Eden Prairie, MN; Lori specializes in behavioral optometry and vision therapy in a private practice. She is a Fellow of COVD and the AAO, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota Optometric Association. She has been married to Michael for 13 years.

Stephen Bourgault '81: Worcester, MA; Stephen is in private practice, and is married to Diane Cappoli '81.

Robert Buonfiglio '81: Wakefield, MA; Works in an ophthalmology practice that specializes in cataract surgery and LASIK, and retina and lid consultations. Robert has gained extensive experience in these areas, working with the ophthalmologist who purchased his practice. He has two children, Alex, 8 years old, and Leila, 1 year old. Alex is active in sports. Robert enjoys building and flying radio-control gliders and electric planes. He has had two articles on the subject published on the Internet.

Stuart Friedman '81: Roslyn Heights, NY; Working in a general practice with another doctor and three opticians. Stuart is a member of the AOA and NYSOA. He and his wife, Sue, a fourth grade teacher, have two children, Brianna, 16 years old, and Jared, 13 years old. In his free time, he paints, fishes, and skis. He keeps in touch with Neil Elliot '81, Howard Kallman '81, and Arthur Weinwurm '80.

Carol Maloney '81: North Haven, CT; Carol works in a group practice owned by an ophthalmologist. She also works at the Yale Graduate Nursing School, where she teaches nursing students how to screen vision and ocular health problems. She has been married to Henry Soleski, Jr. for four years, and keeps in touch with Janet Helms-Byrne '81, and Gary Frederickson '81.

Mitchell Marder '81: Boca Raton, FL; Mitchell is working independently at two optical practices. He and his wife, Geri, have a 10 year old daughter, Lauren. He keeps in touch with Arthur Weinwurm '80, and Neil Elliot '81.

Steven Agoston '82: Bethel, NY; Steven is in a "mixed practice" since he went back to school and received a veterinary degree. As the only veterinarian for 80 miles in rural New York, he has been running a small animal clinic for almost three years. He is also seeing patients for eye exams by referral.

James Bourgeois '82: Davis, CA; Is an associate professor of clinical psychiatry at the University of California, Davis Medical Center. He has served as chair of the Psychiatry Department of the Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio, TX, and Director of Inpatient Mental Health Services at the David Grant Medical Center of the Travis Air Force Base in California. His wife, Kathleen Ayers, is a psychotherapist and they have two children, son Emile, 9 years old, and daughter Germaine, 1 year old.

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Donald Higgins '82: Farmington, CT; Donald is in private practice with an emphasis on contact lenses, where he specializes in keratoconus, orthokeratology and myopia control and prevention. Donald holds a Fellowship in Orthokeratology and teaches and lectures nationally on the topic. He has two daughters; Stephanie, a physics major at Hamilton College, and Tiffany, who is a sophomore at Miss Porter's School.

Jack Locascio '82: Tacoma, WA; Jack is working in a solo practice. He and his wife, Anne, have a daughter, Gillian, 14 years old, and a 9 year old son, David. He enjoys coaching, tennis, golf, skiing, computers, and traveling.

Scott Webb '82: Mendon, VT; Scott is working in a solo private practice. He and his wife, Colette, play golf and tennis in the summer and ski in the winter. They have a daughter, Alison, who is 15 years old, and a son, Derrick who is 12.

Robert Neveloff '83: West Orange, NJ; Having been in solo practice for 12 years, Robert is involved in NJOA and AOA. His son, Eric, is in sixth grade, and Dan is in third. His wife, Serena, is an attorney and an accomplished potter.

Steve Zeldes '83: Flagstaff, AZ; Working in a multi-disciplinary outpatient clinic of the Indian Health Service. He is the chief of optometry at the health center and hosts students from several colleges of optometry, including The New England College of Optometry. He and his wife, Dru Monroe, have two children, Benjamin, 11 years old, and Kristin, 9 years old. He enjoys hiking, biking, camping, and skiing.

Ralph Eaves '84: Norwell, MA; Practices with classmate Hal Curtin '84 in three Pearle Vision franchises. Ralph is active in AOA, NECO, and the MSO. He and his wife, Karen, have two daughters, Madeline, 6 years old, and Sarah, 8 years old. He keeps in touch with Phil Silver, Sandy White, Bill Ryan, and Jamie DeLugan, all of the class of 1984, and Neil Malkin '83.

Fred Edmunds '84: Victor, NY; Fred is working for Bausch and Lomb; he is responsible for international technical and clinical communications. He is currently the Director of Global Professional Services, a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry, and a member of BCLA, CLAO, and IACLE. He and his wife, Peggy, have two boxers, Jessy and Tigre, and enjoy international travel, riding motorcycles and mountain bikes, skiing and scuba diving. He keeps in touch with Scott Weinberg and Howard Purcell of the Class of 1984, and saw Max Engelman '84 at the last AAO meeting.

Peter Everett '84: Rumford, ME; Peter just became the senior partner of a private practice in rural Maine, and is working with Linda Gawtry Cameron '97. He is currently serving on the professional relations committee of the AOA, and is a past-president of the Maine Optometric Association. He enjoys traveling to the California desert for hiking and photography, and goes boating and swimming in the summer.

Gary Galante '84: Glen Cove, NY; Gary is working in a solo private practice. He and his wife have two children, Juliana, 9 years old, and John, 7 years old, whom he brought to visit the College in October.

Lawrence Ginsberg '84: Barrington, RI; Practicing general optometry in a solo private practice. He is the secretary of the RIOA, and just returned from his second mission to Nicaragua with Northeast VOSH. He and his wife, Susan, recently celebrated 20 years of marriage, and have two daughters, Melissa and Sarah, who are 13 and 11 years old.

John Iannitto '84: Ipswich, MA; Has been in a private practice with Tony Seymour '86 since May 1999. He and his wife, Susan, have two children, Peter, 10 years old, and Marisa, 4 years old. He keeps in touch with John Whiting '84.

Jack McIntyre '84: Corpus Christi, TX; Jack works in a practice adjacent to a LensCrafters, and is involved in TOA, AOA, and the Corpus Christi Oprometric Society. He and his wife, Colleen, have four children, Cameron, Spencer, Kelsey, and Blake. He is looking forward to seeing classmates at the AOA meeting in Boston this summer.

Robert Parks '84: Wakefield, RI; Robert works in a private practice with offices in Cranston, Providence and West Warwick, RI. He is a staff member at the Brockton VA where he is a clinical instructor for NEWENCO students.

Richard Laudon, James Cohen, Bruce Moore, from the class of 1975.

Howard Purcell '84: Jacksonville, FL; Since 1995, Howard is the Director of Professional Affairs for Vistakon, a division of Johnson and Johnson Vision Care, Inc. He was in private practice with his father, Saul Purcell '53 for ten years. He is a diplomate of cornea and contact lenses in AAO. He and his wife, Lisa, have three children, Cameron, 10 years old, Connor, 7 years old, and Hallie, 2 years old. He keeps in touch with Scott Weinberg '84, Fred Edmunds '84, and Max Engelman '84.

Wayne Zahka '84: Westwood, MA; Is working in a solo private practice, and is currently serving as vice president of MSO, and co-chair of the Membership committee. He was recently voted chairperson of the year for work as chair of the Managed Care committee. He has been married for 15 years and has a strong relationship with his family. His daughters are 12, 11, and 7 years old.

Deborah Bettencourt '85: Sterling, MA; Deborah is in practice with her husband, John Mooney '85, in Leominster and West Boylston, MA. They have two children, Jacqueline, 13 years old, and John, III, 9 years old. She enjoys entertaining and traveling, and has been in touch with many classmates recently.

John Lertora '85: Suffield, CT; John is currently president–elect for the Connecticut Association of Optometrists and looking forward to a productive term in office. He also stays very busy with daughter, Brianna, and son, Jeffrey, and the myriad of activities they are involved in.

John Mooney '85: Sterling, MA; He and his wife, Deborah Bettencourt '85, are in private practice together. He is currently serving as president of the MSO, and invites any classmates attending the AOA Congress in Boston this June to join him for the MSO Presidential Banquet at the Top of the Hub! He reports that Laura Dake Roche '85, just finished her term as treasurer of the Connecticut Optometric Society, and John Lertora '85, is now the vice-president of the COS.

Wendy Newman-Evans '85: Sharon, MA; Wendy works part-time at the VA in Jamaica Plain and also for Dedham Eye Associates. She was married in 1989, and has two children.

John Paul '85: Jupiter, FL; John works in a solo practice adjacent to a commercial optical center. He enjoys fishing, golfing, hiking, and biking with his 9 year old son.

Denise Thomas Wilcox '85: Doylestown, PA; Works as a low vision specialist in three counties and is involved with AOA and POA. She is the chair of the Quality Assessment and Improvement Committee and the Pediatric Vision Care Committee. She and her husband, David, have two children, Kate, 13 years old, and Zachary, 10 years old. She keeps in touch with Kim Lim '85 and Karl Streilein '85.

Brian Wadman '85: Greenfield, MA; Works in private practice in two locations, with an ophthalmologist on location and full optical and refractive surgery services. He and his wife, Danette, have three children, Addison, Elysse and Kenzie. He enjoys running, and will be running in the Boston Marathon in 2001 for The Association for the Blind.

Jill Caporelli '86: Somerton, AZ; Has been the owner and manager of a multidisciplinary eye care center for the past five years; she previously worked for the federal government. Jill is a member of AOA, AZOA and is an AMA alliance member. Her interests are scuba diving, photography, gemology, snow skiing, and traveling.

Robert Dunphy '86: Dorchester, MA; Bob is currently a member of the VA Boston Optometry Team at the Jamaica Plain campus. He enjoys working with students and residents, though he misses the Neighborhood Health Center environment. His one year old son, Max, is learning to talk

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and is teaching dad to negotiate. Bob enjoyed catching up with classmates at the recent Academy meeting.

Joseph Fuchs '86: Brooklyn, NY; Joseph is working in both a commercial and hospital setting. He is married and has one son.

Alan Glickman '86: Westfield, NJ; Has been in solo private practice since 1991. He is a member of AOA and local societies. His wife, Nanette, has a successful research career at Albert Einstein Medical College, and they have two children, Russell, 11 years old, and Amanda, 14 years old. Alan enjoys running, basketball, and renovating their home. From the Class of 1986, Alan keeps in touch with Frank DeRienzo, Harvey Moscot, and Jeff Blum, who recently married Alan's cousin.

Andrea Janoff '86: Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Andrea is an assistant professor of optometry, the cornea and contact lens externship director, and the acting chief of service at NOVA Southeastern University College of Optometry. She is a member of the Association of Contact Lens Educators, and is a co-investigator on a contact lens study. She enjoys spending time with her six nieces and nephews, and keeps in touch with Rachel Negris '84 and Michelle Coleman '90.

Stephen Lauritsen '86: Biddeford, ME; In October, Stephen ran in the Maine Marathon, his first, and finished in just over four hours!

Conrad Lau '86: Irmo, SC; After working for an ophthalmologist for ten years, Conrad has been employed with an optical company for the past three years. He received therapeutic certification in 1994, and is involved with the South Carolina Midlands Optometric Association. He enjoys golfing, watching college football, skiing, and traveling.

Phyllis Liu '86: Woodbridge, CT; Phyllis is working in a practice providing vision therapy for children with binocular and tracking problems. She is the state director of the College of Vision Development, the Program Chair of the NE Regional OEP Congress, and on the legislative committee of the CAO. Aside from this, she is a "serious gardener," and the horticulture expert of the Woodbridge Garden Club.

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She has a 13 year old daughter. Phyllis keeps in touch with John Lertora '85, Laura Dake Roche '85 and her former roommate, Andrea Carter '85.

Rosalie Reszelbach '86: Newton, MA; Rosalie is employed by Cambridge Eye Doctors. She enjoys gardening and reading. Her 11 year old son, Andrew, is a good student who plays piano, baseball, and soccer. Rosalie keeps in touch with Mary Jackowski '86.

Mitchell Saferstein '86: Woodcliff Lake, NJ; Providing primary eye care, Mitchell specializes in low vision and glaucoma. He also serves as a Rotary president. He has two children, Brent, 9 years old, and Carly, 6 years old.

Anthony Seymour '86: Topsfield, MA; Anthony has been in partnership in a private practice for two years. He has been very happy since leaving the optical chain where he worked for 12 years. He is married, has two children, and enjoys hiking, camping, and coastal activities.

Scott Sylvia '86: Boston, MA; This year, Scott received an MBA with a concentration in marketing and health care administrative management. After working for Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare for eight years, Scott bought a private practice in 1998. He serves the Greater Boston Business Council on the Board of Directors and as Treasurer. He is also involved in AOA, MSO, and NECO. He teaches aerobics at the Metropolitan Health Club, and lives with Ed

Walker. His two daughters, Courtney and Kayla are 16 and 14 years old.

Frank Wenzel '86: Coral Springs, FL; Frank is in group practice with John Davis '83. He is involved in AOA, the Broward County Optometric Association and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry. He has two children, Tom and Samantha.

Jenifer Ambler '87: Guilford, VT; In private practice with Lynde Kimball '57, doing contact lenses and pathology. In October, she completed her 5th medical mission to El Salvador, along with Jane Pentheny '87, 4 dentists, 2 EMT's, and support staff. Her 6 year old daughter, Kate, accompanied her to the AOA meeting in Orlando this December.

Theresa Bacaris '87: Holbrook, NY; Theresa is practicing as an independent contractor for a local ophthalmologist in a subleased location in a major wholesale club. She and her husband, Patrick, have two daughters, Kariana, 6 years old, and Alexis, 22 months old. Patrick is an accountant and in the process of building his own business.

Lynn Brandes '87: Brockton, MA; Lynn is in a general practice with two optometrists in Brockton, MA. She is a Fellow of the AAO. Her husband practices law in Norwell, and they have a son, Joshua, who is 7 years old.

Michael Cozzetta '87: Pueblo, CO; Michael works in a private practice giving primary care with an emphasis on glaucoma and LASIK. He and his wife, Susan, have two children, Talia, 10 years old, and Domenic, 8 years old.

David DeRuosi '87: Johnston, R.I.; David practices in a multidisciplinary setting. He is president of the Rhode Island Optometric Association, the vice president for Saving Sight R.I., the optometric advisor for Cranston Child Development Center, and the secretary of the North Providence Boys and Girls Club Alumni Association. He and his wife Anna have a 2 year old daughter, Victoria. He enjoys fishing in the Narragansett Bay, golfing, and karate.

Marc Flesher '87: Wellington, FL; For nine years, Marc has been in private practice in his own retail location. He has three children, a daughter in college, an 18 year old daughter, and a 13 year old son.

Janis Miller Lightman '87: Sacramento, CA; Works in an HMO practice specializing in contact lenses for keratoconus, transplant, and pediatric aphakic patients, and low vision. She is a Fellow of the AAO. Her husband directs a professional association, and their sons, Ari and Noah are 9 and 5 years old.

Sal Musumeci '87: Tampa, FL; Sal is the Regional Director for the Southeast for Icon Laser Eye Centers, based in Tampa. He is a member of ASCAS and Fellow in the AAO. He and his wife, Stephanie, have three sons: Michael, 5 years old, Stephen, 5 years old, and Nicholas, 12 years old.

Joseph Pavano '87: Avon, CT; Joseph is in a group practice with Bob Connors '81, John Lertora '85, and Brad Newman, O.D. He serves on the CAO Board of Directors, and is co-chairman of Canon GHO Booth, a PGA golf tournament that is a CAO-sponsored event. He serves on a panel for the CT worker's compensation medical advisory board, and on the medical advisory board of TLC in Connecticut. He is a corporator of the Community Mental Health Affiliates of CT. He has three sons, 9, 7 and 3 years old. He is proud to announce that John Lertora '85 is in line to be the next president of the CAO!

Jane Pentheny '87: Holbrook, MA; Works in a primary care practice, enjoying her therapeutic certification and expanded scope of practice. She is a member of AOA, and in October, she traveled with Jenifer Ambler '87 to El Salvador, where they provided vision care to about 400 people. She notes that the line was longer for the optometrists than the dentists! Jane has a Labrador retriever, Louisa, and a Chesapeake Bay Retriever, Jake. She completed the 85 mile Hyannisport Challenge on her recumbent tricycle in May, and hopes to repeat it this year!

Caroline Toomey-Gitto '87: Leominster, MA; Is practicing with two ophthalmologists, giving primary eye care with an emphasis in low vision and contact lenses. She is involved with AOA and MSO, and enjoys keeping up with classmates at continuing education courses. Caroline has two daughters, Alexandra, 9 years old, and Victoria, 6 years old.

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We regretfully inform you of the passing of the following alumni:

David Alpert '38
Joseph Barresi '49
Luther Bickmore '43
David Blanchard '32
Arthur Collins '34
George Dillon, Jr. '33
Wallace Flynn '55
Morris Glixman '36
Dennis Harrison '80
Richard Hemenger '80
Hyman Kamens '47
Ned Saliba '33
Michael Scheurer '64
Morton Schoenbaum '33
Abraham Sklar '41
Sidney Stillman '41
Jack Suggs '65
Samuel Swartz '38
Robert Titelbaum '66
George Wardrope '38
Mark Wiener '60

Ross Zeldes '87: Deep River, CT; Ross is working in a private practice, and involved in AOA and COS. He enjoys boating.

Pamela Blodgett '88: N. Kingstown, RI; Pamela works in a two-person private practice. She is the president-elect of the Rhode Island Optometric Association, the NECO state representative, and also is involved in AOA, and Beta Sigma Kappa. She is married to Paul Zerbinopoulos '88, and they have two children, Brett, age 7, and Amanda, age 4.

Philip Goldthwait '88: Brewer, ME; Philip is in partnership with Mark Varnum '87 and Greg Farrell '87. He has a 5 year old daughter, Emily. He is a pilot and owns an airplane, and is planning a cross-country flight to Wisconsin. He still enjoys golfing, and keeps in touch with Marty Greene '88.

Liz Ryan '88: Florence, MA; As a self-employed optometrist, Liz divides her time between a private practice, an inner city hospital clinic, and the house of corrections. She is the Western District MSO Education Chair. She has one daughter, Emily, and her hobbies are field hockey, water skiing, and golf. Among the alumni whom Liz keeps in touch with are Janet Lemoine '76, Suzanne Hebert '91.

Brian Thamel '88: Paxton, MA; Works in a private practice, with offices in Worcester and Spencer. He is a member of AOA, OEP, COVD, and is president-elect of MSO. He is on the board of directors of the Holy Trinity Nursing Home, and volunteers at an evening free-medical clinic. He and his wife, Valarie Ricciardi '88, have two children, Alexander, 7 years old, and Lauren, 5 years old.

Michael Ayer '89: Nashua, NH; Michael and his wife, Jeanne, welcomed the birth of their first child, Ian Michael, on April 3, 2000. He is currently working with two practices, Harvard Vanguard Medical Association and Nashua Family Eye Care. He is involved with the AOA and state affiliates in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

Barry Kowalik and Denise Dobbins '89: Lancaster, KY; Barry and Denise had a daughter, Jeanine Marie, on May 23, 2000, and she is truly a blessing.

Ann Slocum Edmonds '89: Portland, OR; Works in a private practice and as an adjunct professor at Pacific University College of Optometry. She is the VOSH president for Oregon, and they are planning trips this year to Mexico, Chile, El Salvador, Romania, and Peru. She has two sons, Alexander, 4 years old, and Timothy, 2 years old. She talks to Phyllis Gaige Davis '89, and sees Lee Lerner '89 at VOSH International meetings.

Hilary Wells Williams '89: Scituate, MA; Hilary works in a solo family practice, and is a TLC Laser Affiliate,

co-managing refractive surgery patients. She received TPA privileges in 1998 and regularly co-manages cataract and retina patients. She is married to Gary Culkins, and they have two children, Daisy, 4 years old, and Wells, 2 years old. They enjoy swimming and boating.

Frank Winski '89: Atlanta, GA; Working in a group practice with two ophthalmologists and two optometrists. Frank is involved in GOA and AOA. He has two sons, Jack, 5 yeats old, and Brady, 2 years old, and another son on the way!

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Anthony Foti '90: Stoneham, MA; Anthony is a sole proprietor, and the staff optometrist at Boston Teacher's Eye Care Center. He is involved with MSO and AOA. He and his wife, Franca, have two sons, Joseph and Anthony, who are 7 and 6 years old, and are expecting their third child in June.

David Girardi '90: Cicero, NY; David is currently an associate of two private practices, and is looking forward to a partnership in the near future. He and his wife, Judy, have two sons, Jordan, 7 years old, and Peter, 5 years old. He enjoys spending time with them, playing basketball, and skiing.

Darrell Grise '90: Lee's Summit, MO; With the rank of Major, Darrell works in a U.S. Air Force Hospital as the Director of Eye Services at Whiteman Air Force Base. He is a member of the Armed Forces Optometric Society and the AOA, and he plans on becoming a Fellow of AAO this year. He and his soul mate, Anita Gilman, plan to marry in the next year or so. Darrell keeps in touch with Karen Gebhardt '90, Stephen Byrnes '90, Jim Rux '90, and Bob Whitlock '90.

Steven Lord '90: Hampden, ME; Steven is working in private practice and is a past-president of the Maine Optometric Association. He is married with two children.

David Mertzlufft '90: Sarasota, FL; Works in a multidisciplinary surgical/optometric group practice. He has been a member of the Center for Sight Optometric Services, and the Florida and American Optometric Associations. He enjoys golf, computers, and cycling.

Joseph and Lori Boivin '91: Tiverton, RI; Joe works in a private practice, and job-shares with Lori at the Rhode Island Eye Institute, a large group practice with three optometrists, nine ophthalmologists and an optical shop. They are members of RIOA. They welcomed the birth of Amelia Grace in July 2000, and have a 3 year old son, Lukas, and a chocolate lab named Buckley.

Robert Buck '91: Oxford, CT; Works with Michael Gorman '62 in private practice. He currently serves as Master (President) of St. Peter's Lodge #21, AFRAM, and Master of Oxford Grange #194. He is very active in the Grange and the Masonic Lodge activities, and also enjoys antiques, astronomy, and history.

Janna Hamann '91: Richmond, VA; Janna is working in a VA Medical Center in Richmond, VA.

Jeanne Marie Hopkins '91: Quincy, MA; Jeanne Marie is working part-time in an ophthalmology practice in Quincy. She and husband John just had a son, Kevin, born September 18, 2000. Kevin joins his other brothers Christopher, 6 years old and Timothy, 5 years old.

Steven Leighton '91: Matthews, NC; Is working in a primary care practice with an emphasis on anterior segment disease, contact lenses, and vision therapy. He donates his time weekly to offering complete vision services to the less fortunate. For three years, Steven has presented continuing education for re-licensing for opticians. He belongs to AOA, NCSOS, POS, and OEP. He and his wife, Suzanne, have two sons, Derek, 4 years old, and Joshua, 6 years old. They participate with them at their local gym, Indian guides, and serve on the Board of Trustees at their school.

Suzanne Massicotte Ward '91: North Reading, MA; Suzanne works in a group ophthalmology practice, and has three children and a dog. She keeps in touch with Maria Mercuri Consigli '91.

Lee Shuwarger '91: Amarillo, TX; Lee just completed his 6th year as a self-employed optometrist. He has been on the development board for the Harrington Cancer Center for three years. He was recently recognized as Business Partner of the Year by Catholic Family Services. Lee married Joie last February, and they honeymooned in Italy.

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Robert Aube '92: Wethersfield, CT; Robert received the Young Optometrist of the Year award for Connecticut in 2000. He has been in private practice for five years, serves as the Clinical Director for the Special Olympics Opening Eyes program, and is on the Board of Directors of CAO. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have two sons, Jack, 3 years old, and Brendan, who is a year old, and are hoping to add a girl to the family soon. He enjoys playing golf, and is hoping to see classmates at the AOA meeting in Boston this summer.

Christopher Babin '92: Yakima, WA; Has been working with Group Health Permanente for three and a half years, providing primary eye care services, including care and management of ocular diseases. Christopher is a member of the Washington Association of Optometric Physicians and AOA, and is the legislative liaison for the Yakima Valley Society, and an examiner for NBEO. In April 2000, he was married to Felicia Faringer, a pediatric OTR. They enjoy outdoor activities together.

Peter Bird '92: Webster, NY; Currently works in an ophthalmology practice with six ophthalmologists and three optometrists. He specializes in contact lenses, and is involved in AOA, NYSOA, and ROS. He and his wife will celebrate 13 years of marriage this year, and they have two sons, Justin, 5 years old, and Davis, 3 years old.

Grace Burke '92: Watertown, NY; In October, Grace was appointed to the New York State Board of Optometry for a five-year term, and prior to this, she served as president of the Northern Optometric Association for two years. She is working in a multidisciplinary eye center, and enjoys golfing.

Peter Calvi '92: Dallas, TX; Peter is working in a sole proprietorship, and races thoroughbred horses as a hobby.

Eileen Curtin '92: Wayne, NJ; In September, Eileen purchased the practice in which she has been working for the past seven years. She is a member of NJSOP and the Bergen-Passaic Society of Optometric Physicians. She enjoys running, skiing, movies, and traveling; before buying her practice, she traveled somewhat extensively in Europe and the Caribbean.

Victoria Dumont '92: Athol, MA; She is working in a group ophthalmology/optometry practice in the town where she lives, and enjoys getting to know her patients personally. She has two beautiful children and a dog and "life is good."

Chris Gurley '92: Ada, OK; Chris has been in private practice for eight years, and is involved in the Oklahoma Association of Optometric Physicians. He and his fiancée, Dawn, are going to be married in May 2001, and they are planning a honeymoon in Ireland. Dawn has a 9 year old daughter, Megan, and Chris is looking forward to becoming a "new dad."

Luis Perez '92: Covina, CA; Luis is working with the U.S. Navy, and is soon going to be stationed in Puerto Rico. He is involved with AAO, AOA, and AFOS. He and his wife have two children.

Thomas Corwin '93: Cambridge, MA; Is working part-time as an associate with Bing L. Rong and Associates, and does occasional fill-in work in the Boston area.

Alan Glazier '93: Rockville, MD; Works in a private practice. Alan is involved in ophthalmic product invention and development, and has two U.S. patents and two pending. He became a Fellow in AAO last year. He keeps in touch with Donovan Green '92.

Tracy Haradon '93: Holyoke, MA; Is a "partner" in an ophthalmology practice in Northampton, MA. Tracy announces that the Class of 1993 is having a mini-reunion at the AOA meeting in Boston this June!

Elizabeth Harris-Stone '93: West Lawn, PA; Elizabeth is working for a private retail corporation, and one day a week for a retina specialist. She is a member of AOA, POA and Berks County Optometric Association. She is married to Patrick Stone '92.

Sonya Hooks-Broyles '93: Temecula, CA; Has been working in private practice for two years. Her daughter Amani is 5 years old, and her son Jarrett is 3 years old. She keeps in touch with Della Roberts-McKay '93, and Paul Ajamian '80.

Grace Anosike '95 and her husband.

April MacEachern Harmer '93: Springfield, VT; April works for an ophthalmologist in a general practice, and she specializes in contact lenses. She is involved with VOA and AOA. She and her husband, John, have been married for seven years, and they have a 4 year old daughter, Chelsey. She keeps in touch with Jennifer Stroh '93.

Diana Pesteanu-Grujenschi '93: Weldon, NC; Diana is working in a franchise, has hospital privileges, and reports that she is a workaholic! When she has free time, she likes to travel.

Jason Smith '93: Forty Fort, PA; Jason works in a private practice, and is involved in AOA, POA, and NEPOA.

Kurt Tichy '93: Orange, CT; He is currently in private practice with Michael Gorman '62, and Rob Buck '91. He and his wife have two children, Kyle, 4 years old, and Megan, 1 year old.

George Tzepos '93: Bethany, CT; George is working in a solo private practice, and is involved in the CAO and AOA. He and his wife, Marta, have a son, Alexander, and another on the way. George is involved in church activities, and enjoys skiing, traveling, and spending time with his family. He keeps in touch with Abraham Zlatin '93, Holly Misto '93, Ara Barsamian '92, Kurt Tichy '93 and Karen Grante Bonnanzio '93.

John White '93: Asheville, NC; John is working in a group practice in Asheville.

Helen Bell-Necevski '94: Waterville, ME; Working at Maine Eye Care Associates, a multi-specialty ophthalmology group practice. She provides advanced therapeutic care, with an emphasis in contact lenses, glaucoma co-management, and low vision. Helen is a member of AOA, on the board of directors of the MOA, and is the Maine state contact for VOSH. She has been married to Zlatko Necevski for seven years, and they have two daughters, Mikhaila, 4 years old, and Madison, 3 years old. She keeps in touch with Paul Cote '94, Chris Karalekas '94, Shannon Mulligan '93, Jon and Lisa Eriksson '94, Mark Harris '94, and Beth and Bob Johnson '94.

Jonah Bergman '94: Kew Gardens, NY; Jonah is working as a staff optometrist in a corporate refractive surgery clinic. After graduation, he was in residency at the Boston VA, and then worked in a private practice with Deb Zopatti '96. He has a beautiful niece and two incredible nephews, and is active in the Catholic Church. He stays in touch with Jin Jong Chung '94, Laureen Kirkness '91 and Genevieve Begin '94.

Gary Bleiberg '94: Bayville, NJ; Gary is working in a Wal-Mart Vision Center and is active in the Lion's Club. He enjoys hockey, boating, and jet skiing. From the Class of 1994, he keeps in touch with Jin Jong Chung, Carlos DeFreitas, Michael Bellucci, and Joe Mega and Laureen Kirkness '91.

Jillian Ann Bradley Lombardi '94: Guilford, CT; Jillian works as a solo practitioner inside the Wal-Mart Vision Center, and is active in the AOA, CAO, NECO and is applying for Fellowship to AAO. She was married to Christopher Lombardi in April 1998, and they had their first child, Sarah Marie, on January 18, 2000. From the Class of 1994, she keeps in touch with Sharon and Steve Yuen, Marguerite O'Keefe Quinn, Dawn Hinspeter, Carlos DeFreitas, Joe Mega, Mike Bellucci, and Ted Bukowski.

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Deborah Bettencourt and Brian Bravemen, Class of 1985.

Sally Dang and Charles Soltes '94: Irvine, CA; Together, they own a private practice, and have two sons. Ryan is 6 years old and Brandan is 4.

Colleen Davey Gonyea '94: Southbridge, MA; Colleen is working in private practice, and is a member of AOA and MSO. She has a 2 year old daughter, Cailin, and recently had her second child.

Jon Eriksson and Lisa Martin Eriksson '94: Richmond, VT; Jon is a partner in a two-office private practice, and Lisa is working part-time in an office that is one of five in the practice. They are involved in VOA and AOA. They have two children, Max, 14 months old, and Jake, 3 years old, and are expecting a third in June. They enjoy snow shoeing in the winter, and biking and hiking in the summer. From the Class of 1994, they keep in touch with Carolee Boyd, Colleen Davey Gonyea, Anne Vitka Abramson, Cheryl Delacono, Dave Bondar, Sally Dang, Rob Soltes, Jen Turcott, Mark Harris, Bob Johnson, and Chris Karalekas.

Paul Hamel '94: Revere, MA; Paul practices commercial optometry, and is a member of AOA and MSO.

Andrew Jones '94: White River Junction, VT; Is in partnership with his father, Reginald '81, and they own two offices. Andrew recently got hospital privileges at Alice Peck Day Hospital. He and his wife, Sheila Hastie '95, have a 19 month old daughter, Sarah. His hobbies are dirt biking and Telemark skiing, and he goes skiing every January with Mark Harris '94 and Carlos DeFreitas '94.

Pauline Kolker Buck '94: Miami Beach, FL; Pauline is working in a solo practice with an optical shop. She recently became a Fellow of the AAO, and is an examiner for the National Board of Examiners in Optometry. She has two children, 4 and 1 year old, that take up most of her time! She keeps in touch with Mary Boname Fazio '94, and recently saw Randy Grover '94 at a local meeting.

David D'Alessandro '95: West Paterson, NJ; Working at Sears Optical, practicing primary care and therapeutic optometry. He and his girlfriend, Julie, just had a daughter, Sarah Marie, on February 11, 2001. David enjoys listening to and writing music.

Matthew Gada '95: Williamsburg, VA; Matthew owns a private practice, and is involved in AOA, SCO, and VOA.

Daniel Jandreau '95: Caribou, ME; Daniel moved back to his hometown in Northern Maine. He just started his own practice and struggled for a short time before merging with a well-established group practice. His wife, Stacy, is the director of the emergency room at a local hospital. They have one child, Jillian, who is 16 months old. Daniel still plays basketball two to three times a week.

Teresa Stone '95: Clinton, MA; Working as the clinical director in a practice of ophthalmologists and optometrists. She has a daughter, Emily Elizabeth, who was born on June 17, 2000.

Bruce Yang '95: Scarsdale, NY; As of April 2000, Bruce has been semi-retired from practicing optometry to pursue another area of interest. He retired from his practice adjacent to LensCrafters, but still maintains a position at Vision World as well as the Bruce Yang Eye Care.

Tracey Boss '96: Ithaca, NY; Tracey is working in her own practice, and in an ophthalmology practice. She specializes in sports vision and research. She is married, and enjoys skiing, horseback riding, tennis, and swimming.

Dorothy Hitchmoth '96: New London, NH; Dorothy works as chief optometrist at a VA Medical Center, a hospital-based

practice. She is on the board of directors of NHOA, the NHOA legislative chair, an AOA-PAC representative, a clinical professor at the College and ICO, a clinical instructor at Dartmouth Medical School, and a candidate for Fellowship in AAO. She is married to Christopher Addams, they have two cats, and she is an "amateur gourmet chef."

Ivo Horak '96: Atlanta, GA; Ivo works in a corporate Pearle Vision practice. His hobbies are tennis and gymnastics.

Parveen Jaglan-Sharma '96: Philadelphia, PA; Self-employed in a private practice, and "still loves the profession!" Her husband of two and a half years is a resident in ophthalmology at the University of Pennsylvania, and they are expecting a child. She keeps in touch with Maria Diaz '96 and Pete Pegolo '96.

Michelle Kent Hall '96: Cobleskill, NY; Michelle was married in October 1999 to Shawn Hall, and they had a daughter, Mackenzie Nicole, on February 3, 2000. She also has a stepdaughter, Jessica. She works in a private practice with Richard Glenn '61, which was opened by his brother in 1939, and co-manages refractive surgery patients with The Laser Center. She is involved with AOA, NYSOA, and ISRS, and reports that Vivien Chan '96 had a daughter, Isabel, on December 13, 2000.

Michael Larsen '96: Sterling, MA; In January of this year, Michael opened a private practice, Auburn Vision Center. In August 1999, he married Nahall Modjarrad '96. He is member of MSO and AOA. He keeps up with Michael DeMeo '96, Laura Milner '96, Geoff White '96, and the class of 1996.

Deborah LeBlanc Zopatti '96: Bellingham, MA; Deborah is practicing as an independent doctor nexr to a Pearle Vision Center. She is married to Joseph Zopatti.

Sharon Magill Smith '96: Crofton, MD; Sharon was married on December 30, 2000, to Kent Smith. They have a dog, Cotie, and they never miss a Jimmy Buffett concert in Maryland. They are involved in the Annapolis Parrot Head Club, which raises money for local charities. She works full-time for Pearle Express in Greenbelt, MD, and is a member of the AOA and the Maryland Optometric Associarion.

From the Class of 1996, she keeps in touch with Matt Alpert, Jason Kaminski, Kerry Moscovitz, Denis Descarreaux, and Elaine Pelletier-Bourdeau.

Peter Pegolo '96: Newington, CT; Peter owns a private practice, and is involved in AAO and the Connecticut Association of Optometrists.

Elaine Pelletier-Bourdeau '96: Herndon, VA; Works in an ophthalmology practice consisting of three optometrists and ophthalmologists. She is involved in AOA, MOA, and VOA.

John Rathjens '96: Orange, CT; John is working in a group practice in Meridan, CT.

Jacqueline Rheault Upsy '96: Weare, NH; Jacqueline was married in September 2000, and is an avid backpacker and cyclist. She is practicing in an ophthalmology practice, specializing in contact lenses.

Elizabeth Schnipper '96: New York, NY; Elizabeth is the optometrist for the Vitreous Retina, Macula Consultants of NY. She is currently involved in new treatments for macular degeneration. She was married on December 20, 2000.

Charles Descheneaux '97: Oviedo, FL; Works in an ophthalmology practice, and since December, has been a Fellow in the AAO. He has two sons, Andrew, 3 years old, and Zachary, 16 months old.

Jack Fried '97: New Hyde Park, NY; Jack has a private practice on Long Island. He is a member of the New York State Board of Optometry. He and wife, Stacy, had a baby in March.

Ryan Hargreaves '97: Coral Springs, FL; Works in a private group optometry and ophthalmology practice as the clinical director of externships and residencies, and also has a private practice. He is the Trustee of the Broward County Optometric Association. Ryan completed an ocular disease residency in 1998, and is an adjunct faculty member at New England, Nova Southeastern University, and the University of Houston Colleges of Optometry. He is married to Justine Chen, a 1996 graduate of Nova Southeastern College of Optometry.

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Helios Leung '97: Seattle, WA; Helios is planning to take a year off in Hong Kong, then move to Ann Arbor, Michigan, in June 2002.

Kuldip Nahal '97: Benicia, CA; Works in a private practice with a team of optometrists. He is involved with AOA, COA, AAO, and local organizations.

John Sandbower '97: San Diego, CA; John is practicing at Kaiser Permanente, seeing patients for routine exams, as well as pediatrics, therapeutics, and low vision. He completed a residency in low vision and geriatric optometry at the VA Medical Center in Tucson, AZ, after graduation.

Robin Segal '97: Rocky Hill, CT; Robin and her husband welcomed the birth of their first child, Maya Lyndsey Kugel on February 5, 2001.

Amy Warren '97: Manassas, VA; Amy is in private primary care practice with a partner Robert Bass, O.D. She specializes in low vision. Amy is also a member of the AOA, VOA, Secretary/Treasurer of Battlefield Optometric Society, and candidate for an AAO Fellowship.

Roxanne Achong '98: Aventura, FL; After completing a contact lens residency at Pacific University in 1999, she works in a private and commercial practice in Florida. She is involved in AOA and FOA. Roxanne is engaged to be married in Toronto, Canada, this June.

Jennifer Beer '98: Chesapeake, VA; Jennifer is working in a practice with six ophthalmologists in five locations, and she specializes in pediatrics, vision therapy, and contact lenses. She completed a residency in pediatrics and binocular vision at the University of Houston, and highly recommends it to all graduates! She is a member of AOA, SECO, TOS, AAO, OEP, COVD, VOA, and recently became a Fellow of AAO. She is enjoying living in Virginia Beach, and jogging, biking, and picnicking. She keeps in touch with Mikki Cohen '98, and Paula Bergeron '98, and was recently in her wedding.

Amy Covucci '98: Lafayette, NJ; Amy is working in a primary care setting, with an emphasis in contact lenses.

John Galgay '98: Norwood, MA; John works in a practice next to a LensCrafters. He is affiliated with the AOA and MSO.

Ally Gelt Weisman '98: Kirkland, WA; Working in a multidisciplinary ophthalmology practice that specializes in refractive and cataract surgeries. She is involved with AOA and WAOP. Ally was married in September 2000.

Rosa Guerreiro '98: Alexandria, VA; Practicing commercial optometry, Rosa is involved with AOA and Northern Virginia Optometric Society. She keeps in touch with Soma Dutta Bose, Tara Donovan, Cindy Kang, and Dora Adamopoulos, all of the Class of 1998.

Jeffrey Kozlowski '98: Charlotte, NC; Works in a practice that specializes in laser vision correction. Jeffrey is a member of AOA, the Piedmont Optometric Society, and the South Carolina and North Carolina Optometric Societies. He and his wife, Jill, have an 11 month old daughter, Logan Tate, and are expecting another child in May of this year.

Sean Kull '98: Veazie, ME; Sean has been working in a solo private practice since February 1999. He is a member of AOA and MOA. He was married to Paola Santagati in August 1999, and among the alumni who attended his wedding were Hans Vonnahme '98, Angie Kaniatobe '98 and George Heinig '98.

Michael Rotholz '98: Toronto, ON; After graduation Michael practiced in Montreal with his father for a few months while awaiting his Ontario license. He then got a position working with Barbara Caffery '77 and Dr. Tepperman as an associate for a year. During that last year he also became an associate of Dr. Gross where he works with his classmate Howard Blackstien. He now splits his time between the two offices.

Lisa Smith '98: East Douglas, MA; Lisa works as an independent doctor in a commercial practice, and she specializes in rigid gas permeable bifocal contact lens fitting. She enjoys skiing with her children, Charles and Amanda, who are now 13 and 15.

Stephanie Wolman '98: Mamaroneck, NY; Working in a private practice, specializing in pediatrics and vision therapy. She is going to be married on April 22, 2001.

Teresa Chang '99: San Antonio, TX; Is currently working with another optometrist. She is still dating Mike, and he is planning to go to the University of Houston College of Optometry next year.

Clement Der '99: Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada; Working in an ophthalmology private practice that specializes in LASIK.

Caron Fernandez '99: Kailua Kona, HI; Caron is working in a solo commercial practice and is a member of the Hawaii Optometric Association. She enjoys scuba diving, hiking and camping, and keeps in touch with a few classmates.

Sherene Fort '99: Chicago, IL; Since completing a pediatrics residency at the Southern California College of Optometry, she currently works in a refractive surgery co-management practice. Her husband, Peter, is completing his MBA at the University of Chicago School of Business, which is the reason they moved to Chicago from California!

Jing Guo '99: Fairfax, VA; Jing is working in a group practice in Vienna, VA.

Holly Jacques '99: Waltham, MA; Holly is working in a private practice in Plaistow, NH.

Christophe Juliet '99: Los Angeles, CA; Christophe is working for the Laser Eye Center, which specializes in refractive surgery.

Carolina Lee '99: Seattle, WA; Carolina is working in a solo practice as an independent contractor.

Lorie Lepley Parks '99: Augusta, ME; After completing an ocular disease residency in Newington, CT, Lorie practices in a large ophthalmology group practice. She works with cataract and oculoplastic surgeons, and retinal specialists. In November 1999, she married Michael Parks, a graduate of PCO, whom she met during her residency. They are both employed by the same practice, as is Helen Bell-Necevski '94. She keeps in touch with Sarah Pozniak '99, and Michael Siebert '99, who teaches at an optometry school in Amsterdam.

Larry Friedman '78, Fred '92 and Mrs. Kelley.

Frederick Leung '99: Malden, MA; Frederick is working in commercial practice.

Thomas Lezaj '99: Atlanta, GA; Works independently for several doctors in the Atlanta area, and will be purchasing a practice in July. He was married on August 12, 2000.

Thomas Morlan '99: Niles, MI; Thomas is currently working in a private practice of five doctors, and is in the process of buying the practice of one of the doctors in the group. He and his wife, Lori, have a son, Nicholas, who was born in November 1999.

Melody Quenzer '99: South Lake Tahoe, CA; Melody is in partnership with a long-time friend in a large practice. She is a member of the local Chamber of Commerce. She has enjoyed learning how to downhill-ski, cross-country ski, and snowshoe this winter. From the class of 1999, she keeps in touch with Carolyn Edgecombe Smith, Michelle Lewis, and Tara Mullen.

Robin Rathjens '99: Orange, CT; Is in partnership with Marnie Grice '99, she works in an independent sublease adjoining a LensCrafters. Robin is married to John Rathjens '96. She is involved with AOA and the Connecticut Association of Optometrists.

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Neil Kemp '95 and Annmarie Kemp.

Wenhong Tao '99: Lexington, MA; He is working independently in a Wal-Mart Vision Center. His wife is a medical researcher in Cambridge, MA, and they have a daughter who is currently in high school. Aside from striving to be a quality optometrist, Wenhong enjoys reading. He keeps in touch with some classmates and alumni.

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Michael Brehm '00: Clifton Park, NY; Michael is working in a commercial practice.

Olessia Butenko '00: Fayetteville, NY; Working in private practice two days a week, specializing in binocular and low vision, in a retail practice two days a week, and in a corporate practice one day a week. Olessia is involved in a local optometric association.

Betsy Cabanillas-Swenby '00: Auburndale, MA; On November 25, 2000, Betsy married Christian Swenby '00. She is currently a resident at a VA Hospital in Boston, and is a member of AAO.

Michael Dalton '00: Winchester, MA; Michael is currently working at Ophthalmic Consultants of Boston, where they provide LASIK and cataract evaluations, and general ophthalmic and optometric care. He is joining MSO. He and his wife, Clair, have two sons, Eric, 3 years old, and Tim, 1 year old, and they recently bought a home in Winchester. He reports that the NEWENCO Fantasy Football League is still going strong!

Edward Ford '00: Marietta, GA; Edward works in a private practice, primarily focusing on family eye care, contact lenses, and pediatrics. He is a member of the Georgia Optometric Association and the Greater Atlanta Optometric Association. He is married to Tonya Rumpf Ford '00.

Michael Goldstein '00: Simsbury, CT; Is working as an independent contractor in a commercial setting, and is also starting his own practice with a specialty in vision therapy and pediatrics. He is involved with COVD and AOA. He was married in September to Maureen, and they just bought an Italian Greyhound puppy named Flash.

Julie Jackson Pagan '00: Monroe, NY; On June 10, 2000, she and Rick Pagan '00 were married in Ottawa, Canada. She is currently working in a family-run, commercial practice outside New York City.

Katherine James '00: Isle of Palms, SC; Katherine is working in a private practice with a contact lens specialty, and part-time with an ophthalmologist, co-managing LASIK, cataract surgery, and diabetic patients. She is active in the SCOA, and participated in National Diabetes Month, conducted by the American Diabetes Association. She is engaged to be married to Scott Kegel in October.

Lori Maggisano-Arciero '00: Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Lorie was recently martied, and is in private practice. She is a member of the Ontario Association of Optometrist and the AAO.

Rick Meyer '00: Norfolk, NE; In July 2000, Rick joined a group practice with five other optometrists and an ophthalmologist. He is a member of AOA and the Nebraska Optometric Association. He and his wife, Audra, have two children, Hannah and Sarah. He enjoys golfing, swimming, bike riding, and spending time with his family.

Owen Peters '00: Yonkers, NY; Owen is in partnership in a private optometric practice, as an independent contractor. He is an associate member of the College of Optometrists in Vision Development, and a member of NYOA and AOA.

Cory Preston '00: New York City, NY; Cory is working in a comprehensive ophthalmology practice in Brooklyn, and has received his license to practice in California and New York.

John Rabins '00: Colorado Springs, CO; Is the sole proprietor of a family practice, and is involved in AOA and COA. He and his wife, Nancy Powell, have two sons, Michael, 23 years old, and Nathan, 12 years old. He keeps in touch with a few of the POD's and instructors from the College.

Ellen Reilly Christian '00: Santa Cruz, CA; Ellen is in private practice with a multiple-specialty medical clinic, and is a member of the AAO and AOA. She and her husband, Jason, are expecting a baby in July!

Tonya Rumpf Ford '00: Marietta, GA; Works in a private practice, responsible for ocular disease management, emergencies, trauma, and cataracts. She is affiliated with the Georgia Optometric Association and the Greater Atlanta Optometric Association. She and her husband, Eddie '00, are enjoying the warm weather in Georgia!

Charles San George, II '00: East Amherst, NY; Charles is working in a Wal-Mart Vision Center, and part-time in his father's optical practice. He is certified in diagnostics and therapeutics in New York, as well as the treatment of glaucoma. In September, he is going to be married to Sally, who is from the South Shore of Massachusetts.

Stacy Taketa '00: Seattle, WA; Is working in a refractive surgery practice, and part-time as an independent doctor. Stacy is involved in WAOP and AOA.

Marcia Valero '00: Dedham, MA; She is currently in an ocular disease residency, and a member of AAO and AOA. Marcia recently presented a poster at the AAO meeting in Florida. After her residency, she is planning to move back to the West Coast to be near her family in California.

MingJun Wang '00: Framingham, MA; MingJun is in solo, private practice.

Bryan Wolynski '00: Oceanside, NY; Bryan is working in a commercial practice. He reports that he is "enjoying life" and keeps in touch with a few of his classmates.

Richard Wood '00: Ashburn, VA; Works in a private, multi-location practice. He and his wife, Grace, have a son, Alex, who is 2 years old. Alex is a big fan of "Toy Story", and Grace is working at Alex's day care center.

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